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ALLIES MAY AT LEAST EXAMINE PROPOSAL OF THE CENTRAL POWERS

This Probability Broadly Intimated at the Entente Embassies at Washington.

TWO NOTES ARE RECEIVED

President May Request Consideration When They Are Handed to Allied Governments.

OTHER NEUTRALS MAY JOIN

So Far as Known, Mr. Wilson's Intentions Are Still Secret.

Washington, Dec. 14. — Arrival of both the German and Austrian peace notes and broad intimations at the Entente Allied embassies that the proposals of the Central Powers would not be flatly rejected without examination were the developments here today in the peace move.

Germany's note, substantially the same as the published texts, arrived by cable in the early hours of the morning, and just as the State Department was closing for the day Austria's note arrived.

Secretary Lansing said it was identical with Germany's, and that neither contained any change in meaning from the semi-official versions.

May Ask Consideration.

It was stated officially that neither Germany's nor Austria's note would be forwarded before tomorrow if, indeed, then, and there was no outward indication that the President had made up his mind what action, if any, he would take in transmitting the Central Powers' proposals to the Entente belligerents.

When, with the announcement of the German proposals two days ago, it appeared that the Entente Allies were inclined to reject the offer flatly, it appeared very doubtful if President Wilson could find a way to add a word of mediation in transmitting the notes. With the apparent moderating of that first attitude as reflected in the British newspapers and among the Entente Allied diplomats here, the way seems easier for the President to express in some way the hope of the United States that the proposal for a discussion of peace will not be rejected without consideration.

Other Neutrals May Join In.

In such a step there is a likelihood of the United States being supported by some of the European neutrals. The minister of one of them today asked his government to authorize him to assure the President of endorsement in such a move, and it is believed others are considering the same phase of the situation.

The Spanish ambassador, Mr. Riano, and the Swiss minister, Dr. Ritter, both conferred today with Secretary Lansing. Their governments also are acting as intermediaries in transmitting the proposals. Whether they discussed the prospect of a neutral concert was not disclosed.

The change in the attitude of the Entente embassies was regarded as the most interesting development pointing to the probable position of the Allies. It was indicated that it was not improbable that after mature deliberation among themselves the Allies would make reply inquiring upon what basis a discussion was suggested. Such action by the Allies, it is pointed out, would not bind them to a conference.

Next Probable Step.

The German view of the next probable step is that a meeting of representatives of all belligerents should be proposed for a general discussion of an approach to a basis for peace. German officials here repeatedly have expressed their conviction that once having gone that far, the movement would result in an actual peace conference. The conviction of the Allied diplomats is that Germany's terms, as outlined by the German embassy here and as indicated by the tenor of the German chancellor's speech, are such that discussion would not be fruitful of a conclusion. But before approaching that stage, they seem to agree that an inquiry to the Central Powers for more information of the proposal will be proper and that it will develop the ground for the next step.

Morgan Visits Allied Envoys.

J. P. Morgan, head of the financial agents of the Allies in this country, conferred today with the British ambassador, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, and the French ambassador, Jules J. Jusserand. Inasmuch as his engagement with the two ambassadors was made several days ago, the conference, it was declared, obviously was not brought about by the peace proposals.

So far as was known, the President's attitude remained undisclosed to any of his advisors, but the belief grew stronger that if in forwarding the proposals the American government did not accompany them with more than a formal note of transmission, it proba-

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PROHIBITION FIGHT GAINING HEADWAY

House Judiciary Committee Recommends Adoption of Constitutional Amendment.

ITS SUPPORTERS JUBILANT

Leaders Doubt Resolution Will Reach Senate in Time for Action—Sheppard Bill is Made Unfinished Business.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Nation-wide prohibition took a long stride toward congressional consideration today when the House Judiciary committee unexpectedly voted to recommend adoption of the proposed constitutional amendment to forbid the manufacture and sale of liquor for beverage purposes in the United States. Even the most enthusiastic champions of the amendment had not expected favorable action so soon.

How wfar the resolution will progress is problematical and administration leaders doubt that it will reach the Senate in time for action at this session.

Prohibition advocates are jubilant, however, and predict ultimate adoption of the resolution and its reference to the legislatures of the various states at a much earlier date than they heretofore had hoped for. A two-thirds majority in both Houses is required.

Coincident with the committee's action the Sheppard bill to prohibit the manufacture and sale of liquor in the District of Columbia became the unfinished business to be kept before the Senate until disposed of. As an amendment, Senator Underwood has proposed a referendum to the male voters of the district. Senator Kern, of Indiana, has added a proposal that women also should participate in the referendum. A vote on the subject is expected within a day or two.

During discussion of the Sheppard bill, several senators, among them Sheppard, Vardaman and Owen, predicted triumph for the cause of nation-wide prohibition in the near future.

Hardly anyone doubted tonight that prohibition will be a dominant legislative issue before the new 65th Congress of the constitutional amendment does not reach a vote this winter. In the House before the amendment can be taken up for consideration, a special rule must be adopted giving it a right of way. Representative Webb, chairman of the Judiciary committee, will ask for such a rule early in January and endeavor to press the resolution to an early vote.

In the Judiciary committee Representative Carlin, of Virgina, who was opposed to the resolution at the last session voted this time to recommend its adoption. He will report it to the House.

WALL STREET AGAIN IN ERUPTIVE STATE

All Leading Stocks, Except Rails, Suffer Severe Breaks.

Yesterday's Outburst One of Most Severe Reversals of Any of the Numerous Bull Markets Caused by the War.

New York, Dec. 14.—Apprehension and confusion created by the Teutonic peace proposals and heightened by vulnerable technical conditions, caused another violent outburst of liquidation in the stock market today, leaders other than rails, breaking 5 to 10 points with far more serious impairment in shares of less prominence.

The decline, reaching its climax in the last hour, was materially assisted by a series of bear drives which dislodged many weak bull accounts and effected a house-cleaning. Many traders were sold out on "stop loss" orders and others were forced to accept heavy losses on their inability to meet calls for additional margin.

Altogether it was one of the most severe reversals of any of the numerous bull markets which have had their origin in the European war. Today's extreme declines represent losses of 20 to 50 points from high levels of last month. Rails were only slightly unsettled.

Hundreds of millions of dollars, insofar as represented by price quotations, have evaporated into thin air as a result of this week's drastic reaction. United States Steel alone showed a shrinkage of 12 points at today's lowest level from last week's final quotation, or about $66,000,000 on its total outstanding common shares.

The more extreme losses of the day included: U. S. Steel 7 1-8; Crucible Steel, 12; Gulf States Steel, common,

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ANNUAL MEET OF THE COMMERCIAL CONGRESS CLOSES

Ship Purchase Bill, Drainage Development and Crop Diversification Approved.

SEVERAL SPEECHES HEARD

Addresses Dealt With Extension of American Export Trade After European War.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 14.—The ship purchase bill before Congress, development of drainage for increased service of production and the intensification and diversification of crops were approved here today by the Southern Commercial Congress at the close of its eighth annual convention. The Congress also urged greater efficiency in the management of cities and the more thorough and general education of the masses in all lines of effort, particularly in technical training in industrial and commercial activities.

The Congress also adopted the report of the Peace Bell Committee, which approved the naming of a general committee to present through popular subscription a great peace bell to the nation in celebration of the semi-centennial of peace in this country, the bell to be erected at Washington, D. C. Benjamin Altheimer, of St. Louis, presented the committee report.

A proposal for a great scheme of international advertising presented by H. S. Houston, editor of World's Work, also was endorsed.

Discuss Trade Extension.

Final addresses before the Congress today dealt with the extension of America's export trade after the war. Foreign diplomats, government officials, editors and business men who spoke predicted that the United States would continue to hold its trade after the war because its factories have been developed as never before, the world will need its goods and its business men have the will to develop new markets when the demands of the belligerents upon it decrease.

Should Develop Chinese Market

Dr. Wellington Koo, Chinese minister to the United States, thought this country should develop the virgin market of China to offset the falling away of its commerce to Europe when the belligerents turn their energies now devoted to war to commerce and manufacture. The Chinese, he said, preferred to deal with the American business men because they knew the Americans came for only the legitimate profits of trade and not with a "sinister influence seeking territorial aggrandizement.

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Andrew J. Peters said the American manufacturer would be able to hold his trade after the war because the cost of production in Europe by reason of war taxes would be much higher than in the past, offsetting the advantages in the nature of commercial agreements and governmental assis-

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PARTIAL VICTORY IS WON BY SUFFRAGISTS

House to Give Consideration to Federal Amendment.

Measure is Reported by Judiciary Committee Without Recommendation. Fight to be Waged for Early Action.

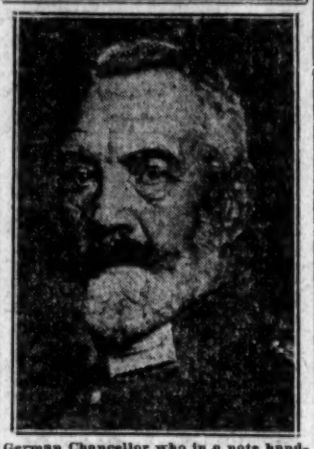
Washington, Dec. 14.—Woman suffrage advocates won a partial victory in their long fight to have the Susan B. Anthony Federal amendment voted on in Congress today, when the House Judiciary committee reported the measure for consideration without recommendation. A campaign now will be launched to get a special rule to bring the amendment before the House for action, probably some time in January.

Both suffragists and anti-suffragists expressed satisfaction over today's development and are confident of victory on the floor. Though anxious that the resolution be reported favorably, the suffragists were pleased because the committee, which was generally regarded as hopelessly against their cause, went as far as it did. Their opponents declare an opportunity to have the House vote on the issue inevitably means a defeat for suffrage.

The vote in favor of reporting the resolution 11 to 8, does not represent the sentiment of the committee on the issue. Some of its bitterest enemies voted favorably, most of them confident of seeing it beaten on the floor and desirous of quieting charges of "smothering" in committee. One element of the committee sought vainly to prevent action.

"We are glad that the Federal woman suffrage amendment has finally been reported to the House," said Miss Lucy Burns, vice chairman of the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage, tonight. The women of the nation will watch its progress with greatest interest.

VON BETHMANN-HOLLWEG



German Chancellor who in a note handed to neutral powers, proposed peace negotiations.

SAYS PROPOSALS ARE NOT SINCERE

Russian Government Charges Germany with "An Attempt to Court Public Opinion."

AND ENCOURAGE GERMANS

Official of the Foreign Office at Petrograd Says That No Favorable Ground for Peace Proposals Exist.

Petrograd, Dec. 14.—The Russian government regards peace proposals of the Central Powers as "an attempt to court public opinion and encourage the people of Germany by appearing to put the responsibility for the continuance of the war upon the Entente Allies," according to a statement made today by a foreign office official and issued by the semi-official Petrograd news agency.

"No favorable ground exists for peace negotiations," says the statement, which follows in part:

"In its further efforts, which are similarly due to the same interested considerations, the German government is obliged to carry this question out of Germany. All the world recalls these attempts, notably its Ballons d'Essai, which were set up in neutral countries particularly the United States, which deceived nobody Germany attempted to create a peace atmosphere.

"Seeing the inanity of such methods which would allow her to consolidate her aggressive and imperialistic tendencies, while sowing discord between the Allies by seeking to make public opinion believe that separate pourparlers were in progress between her and the Entente powers. There also were persistent reports of a separate peace.

"The lack of sincerity and the object of the German proposals is evident. The enemy governments have need of heroic measures to complete the gaps in their armies. Germany is projecting a sort of serfdom in the guise of compulsory military service. The German government in order to uplift the hearts of its people and to prepare it for fresh sacrifices is striving to create a favorable atmosphere with the following thesis:

"'We are struggling for our existence; we are proposing peace; it is refused us; therefore, the responsibility for the continuation of the war falls upon our enemies.'

"Everywhere the idea of hegemony of Germany predominates. The latest speeches of von Bethmann-Hollweg show the true aspirations of the German government. But today, when the Entente powers have proclaimed their unshakable determination to continue the war to a successful end and to prevent Germany from establishing her hegemony, no favorable ground exists for peace negotiations.

"Our enemies knew the speeches of Lloyd George, Briand and Boselli and the statement of Trepoff; they were, therefore, assured that their proposal would be unacceptable.

"The Entente powers would assume

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DAY IN CONGRESS

SENATE.

Met at noon.

Passed Immigration bill 64 to 7.

Interstate Commerce committee decided to hold further hearings on President Wilson's railroad legislative recommendations after the holidays.

Resumed consideration of bill to prohibit manufacture and sale of liquor in the District of Columbia.

Elected Senator Willard Saulsbury, of Delaware, president pro tempore to succeed the late Senator Clarke, of Arkansas.

Adjourned at 5:3° p. m. to noon Friday.

HOUSE.

Met at noon.

Debated legislative, judicial and executive appropriation bill.

Leaders agree to Christmas recess from December 22 to January 2.

Judiciary committee favorably reported national prohibition constitutional amendment, ordered report without recommendation on universal suffrage amendment and favorably reported Borland resolution on cost of living.

Adjourned to 5:25 p. m. to noon Friday.

REPARATION FOR THE PAST AND SECURITY FOR FUTURE IS ALLIES' PEACE POLICY

Andrew Bonar-Law Touches Lightly on Central Powers' Proposal in Speech in House of Commons—Additional Credit of 400,000,000 Pounds Sterling Voted to Carry on War—Only Minor Operations on Various Fronts.

Both the German and Austro-Hungarian notes concerning peace have been received in Washington and soon will be transmitted to the belligerents of the Entente Powers. No official intimation has yet come as to whether President Wilson will merely transmit the notes as received or announce to their recipients that the United States hopes that a discussion of peace may result.

While Great Britain has not yet officially received the proposals, her attitude and that of her allies with regard to peace was reiterated in the house of commons Thursday by Andrew Bonar-Law, the new chancellor of the exchequer, who said the Entente Allies required adequate reparation for the past and adequate security for the future.

A semi-official statement from Petrograd regarding the peace proposals attack the Teutonic Powers for lack of sincerity and says the firm determination of the Entente "to continue the war to a final triumph can be weakened by no illusory proposals of the enemy."

That there is to be no abatement in Great Britain's military preparations is indicated by the unanimous vote by parliament of an additional credit of £400,000,000 sterling.

On the fighting fronts everywhere except in Rumania and along both banks of the Meuse, only bombardments and minor operations are being carried out. In Rumania the Danube army of the Teutonic Allies now has crossed the Jalomitza river and along the front the advance of the invaders continues unchecked.

No details have come through as to French operations along the Meuse except a statement in the Berlin official communication that the French have made advances on both banks of the river. Paris merely reports bombardments in these regions.

The Teutons have bombarded Monastir and the entire front held by the Serbians in this sector.

VOTE OF CREDIT IS PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

London, Dec. 14.—The house of commons today unanimously passed a vote of credit of £400,000,000 sterling asked by Andrew Bonar-Law, chancellor of the exchequer, who made a lenghty speech explaining the nation's financial situation, and touching on the German peace proposals. He announced that the daily average expenditures of Great Britain for the war now amounts to £5,710,000 and that today's vote of credit probably would have to be supplemented February 24 with another vote of £200,000,000 sterling. This would make the total votes for the year £1,950,000,000 or £350,000,000 more than the estimates made some months ago by Reginald McKenna, then chancellor.

Referring to the peace talk, Mr. Bonar-Law said:

"Something has happened of which I think it necessary that I should say a word. Naturally the papers are full of the peace proposals from Berlin. It is obvious that under these circumstances no member of the governmen can make any statement on the subject and in my view it would be better tha very little should be said in the house of commons.

"There is one thing which, even at this stage, I think it necessary to say. In moving the last vote of credit, the late premier used these words: 'They (the Allies) require that there should be adequate reparation for the past and

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EXPLAINS ACTION OF RESERVE BOARD

Says Warning to Bankers Not Made With Intention of Reflecting on Foreign Credit.

W. P. G. HARDING SPEAKS

Denies Stiffening of New York Money Rates Was Due to Warning Against Investments in Foreign Loans.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 14.—An explanation of the Federal Reserve Board's recent warning to American bankers against locking up their money in foreign treasury bills was made in a speech here tonight by W. P. G. Harding, governor of the board, who reiterated the declaration that there was no intention to reflect upon credit of any nation. Soon after the board's statement appeared, short term British treasury bills which had been ordered for sale in this country were withdrawn. Mr. Harding spoke before the Boston city club.

"I know," he said, "that there has been criticism of the board's action in making this statement, which has been given a significance neither justified nor intended in its reference to investors.

"In my opinion what the board had in mind when it made its brief reference to investors, was simply this: American investors have for many years been accustomed to buying industrial securities—railroad obligations to a great extent. In dealing with these securities, certain well established rules have been developed. The investor has acquired the habit of requiring specific information regarding gross earnings, fixed charges, net earnings, sinking funds, etc., and he insists upon knowing definitely whether he is offered a first mortgage bond, income bond, preferred stock or common stock.

"It is the practice of every issuing house when offering securities to state all necessary details either over its own signature or that of the head of the borrowing corporation. Nowhere is the importance of authentic and complete information more fully understood and appreciated than in Europe, both in England and on the continent, and prospectuses for foreign loans contain all the important facts relating thereto, in a statement signed by an authorized representative of the foreign government or by the issuing house, or in some cases by both.

"The board sought merely to call attention of the fact that this country has become an important market for foreign securities the same business-like habits which are well established regarding domestic loans should be developed in marketing foreign flotations."

Mr. Harding denied that the stiffening of call money rates in New York, after the statement was issued, was due to the board's action, and said that any "flurry" at that time was confined entirely to loans secured by stock exchange collateral.

Mr. Harding said this country has

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GERMAN REPLY TO U. S. NOTE 'EMPTY'

Sir Maurice de Punsen Says Contentions as to Belgian Deportations Won't Stand.

GIVES THE BRITISH VIEW

Places Blame for Destruction of Belgian Industries Upon the Germans Instead of the Blockade of the Allies.

London, Dec. 14.—"The German answer to the American government's protest against forced deportations from Belgium requires very little elucidation to show its dishonesty," said Sir Maurice de Punsen, assistant parliamentary under secretary of foreign affairs, when asked by the Associated Press today for the British view of Germany's reply to the American protest. He continued:

"The main contention appears to be that, owing to the Allied blockade, Belgian workmen have been rendered idle and reduced to starvation, and, out of kindness the German authorities have offered these workmen employment in Germany. This answer seems to overlook several essential facts. In August, 1915, the American relief commission applied to the Allied governments for permission to import raw materials into Belgium and export manufactured goods made from these imports and from local raw materials. The balance of the receipts between the cost of the imported raw materials and the realized values of the exports was to be applied to the purchase of food by the commission. This food was to be sold in Belgium and from the receipts of such sales manufacturers were to be supplied with money to pay for their labor and local raw material.

"The plan was presented to the Germans at Brussels in September through the American minister and they would not agree to the very reasonable condition of the commission that the imports and exports should be free from interference or requisition by the Germans. The whole scheme, therefore, failed solely on account of the attitude taken up by the German authorities.

"Other actions of similar import could be instanced in proof of the hollowness of the German contention."

$30,000,000 OMNIBUS BILL

Plans for Pressing Public Buildings Measure Practically Agreed On.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Plans for pressing a $30,000,000 omnibus public building bill at this session of Congress were practically agreed upon at Conferencee today between members of the House Rules and the Public Building committees. The measure was reported last session but determined opposition prevented action.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 14.—An embargo on milk shipments into Cleveland will go into effect tomorrow as a result of strike between the Northern Ohio Milk Producers Association and the Cleveland dealers. Cleveland tomorrow will receive 14 gallons of milk instead of 70,000, the normal supply.

DECLARES PEACE MOVE BY AMERICA WHOLLY JUSTIFIED

Senator Stone Says This Nation Has a Right to Intervene to End European Strife.

NATION PATIENT SUFFERER

Says We Are Entitled to Speak, Without Asking, and Without Just Offense of Anyone.

St. Louis, Dec. 13.—The right of a neutral like the United States, which has suffered from effects of European war, to initiate a movement for peace was asserted here tonight before the League to Enforce Peace by Senator Stone, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations committee.

"Since the war, almost from the beginning, has resulted in continuing offensive attacks on the rights and dignity of this sovereignty and in inflicting incalculable injury to our national interests—all of which we have borne with patience because of our friendship for the nations involved", said Senator Stone, "it seems to me that after enduring these attacks and suffering these losses for nearly two and a half years with no end yet in sight, we have a right, without regard to any question of sympathy of humanity but solely on our own account and a safeguard our own interests, to approach the combatants as a mutual friend and open negotiations with a view to the re-establishment of normal international conditions.

Speak as a Friend.

"Our relations to the combat are such, and our interests are so involved, that I think we have a right to speak—a right so clear as to entitle us to speak without asking and without just offense. We would not speak impertinently as intermeddlers but as a friend who suffered grievously and innocently from the ruthless acts of war."

The Senator declared he wished it distinctly understood that he spoke on his own personal responsibility. He said he would not discuss the wisdom or unwisdom of an approach of the belligerents with peace proposals, but merely of "the propriety of the right," and pointed out that distinguished men in this country and in the warring countries have warned that such a movement would not only be futile but offensive.

Two Parallel Cases.

"I am not disposed," he added, "to accept without questioning either the accuracy of those statements or the soundness of the reasons on which they are predicated. Two families with a feud between them might, so long as they kept the peace and observed the law, resent any effort of an outsider to harmonize them; but if they should break forth into open war, so as to disturb the general peace and visit universal harm upon the whole neighborhood, the law-abiding members of the community would have a right to call a halt without being guilty of impertinence. Why should not the same rule apply, morally and legally, to the family of nations?"

The United States, the Senator said, has suffered from acts committed which have been grossly offensive to our national pride and hurtful beyond estimate to our national interest. He cited censorship of the mails, ships seized or sunk on the high seas, peaceful commerce with neutrals interrupted or interdicted and "American citizens—men, women and children, guilty of no offense—killed on land and sea without warning and without justification."

Patience Strained to Limit.

"There have been times," he continued, "when our patience has been strained to the limit, and when danger to our own national peace lurked in the thickening shadows of every passing day. Yes, there have been times when our peace was preserved only by the clear vision, the steady hand, the resolute heart of one man. Do not such things give us some right of our own to speak a kindly word on behalf of peace?"

SINGLE MEN NOT LIVING AT HOME MUST BE TEETOTALERS?

Virginia Prohibition Law Prohibits Them From Odering "Booze."

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 14.—Replying tonight to inquiries of a local newspaper, which asked if he approved of the action of a Danville court in the enforcement of a section of the Mapp prohibition law which went into effect November 1, Prohibition Commissioner J. Sydnel Peters, at Richmond, telegraphed that an unmarried man who does not live with his parents in their home, cannot have shipped into the state the quart of whiskey a month or its equivalent in beer or wine as prescribed under the law. Mr. Peters called attention to section 61 of the prohibition law which prominent attorneys here claim makes bachelors in Virginia nonetities and which reads as follows:

"But the word reading 'home' as used herein shall be the permanent residence of the person and the family and shall not be construed to include a club, fraternity house, lodge room or rooms, or place of common resort, or room of a guest in a hotel or boarding house."

Springfield, Ills., Dec. 14. — Forty Illinois mayors in conference here today to devise some means of lowering coal prices, recommended state supervision of the coal industry "so as to permit the operators and dealers to realize a reasonable profit only and not all the traffic will bear as is now the case."

MEN IMPRISONED IN SUBMARINE RESCUED

Crew of 26 Have Frightful Experience Lasting All Day.

Were Entrapped When the H-3 Went Ashore Off California Coast. Engine Trouble May Have Caused Accident.

Eureka, Cal., Dec. 14.—Twenty-six members of the crew of the United States submarine H-3, imprisoned since dawn today in the submersible which went ashore on a shoal near the entrance to Humboldt bay, were rescued tonight.

Five of the crew were brought ashore on a breeches buoy at 5 o'clock. Within an hour the remaining 19 men of the crew and the two officers were rescued.

In a dense fog the H-3 struck a sand spit early today while cruising down the coast from Puget sound on her way to the Ware Island Navy yard in San Francisco bay. She was accompanied by the United States ship Cheyenne and the submarines H-1 and H-2. Officers of the Cheyenne said they believed that the accident was caused by the engines of the H-3 becoming disabled.

Commander W. B. Howe, of the Cheyenne, directing the rescue work on shore, said the men had been able to keep alive by crowding beneath the conning tower for air, in this way escaping the chlorine gas fumes from the batteries.

All day long until the sea swept the frail little craft further beachward to a steadier position, the men of the H-3, bottled up in the hull, were rattled around like nuts in a barrel. One lonely figure stuck to the bridge as if he were lashed to the diver's superstructure until the beating of the great breakers began heeling the submarine over and back, its conning tower pounding the sandy bottom of the surf. Then he disappeared, the hatches were battered down and crew and officers were prisoners in their bottle-boat.

Lieutenant H. R. Bogusch was in command of the H-3 with Lieutenant E. F. Zemkle second in command.

TESTIMONY COMPLETED

Arguments in Case of T. C. McCoy Will be Completed Today.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 14—Hearing testimony in the case of the government against Thomas C. McCoy, of Asheville, N. C., charged with defrauding the government in making and selling whiskey from the Long Branch distillery here without paying revenue tax, was closed today. Argument will be completed tomorrow and the case will probably go to the jury by noon.

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adequate security for the future.' That still is the policy, still the determination of his majesty's government."

Mr. Bonar-Law's reference to German peace proposals was only brief and passing, but the ringing announcement that it was still the policy and determination of the government struck the keynote of the new government's attitude and aroused a prolonged demonstration of approval.

The sessions of both the lords and commons were attended with unusual interest as being the first bow of the new government, though the absence of Premier Lloyd-George through continued illness left the initial scene of the new regime like Hamlet without the Sane. Great crowds besieged Westminster for admission and both chambers showed the galleries filled with eager spectators and the floors animated with newly formed political groups.

The house of commons was the scene of chief interest as here five ministers of the late government—Reginald McKenna, Walter Runciman, Herbert Samuel, Lewis Harcourt and H. J. Tennant—ranged themselves on the front bench of the opposition, while Andrew Bonar Law, flanked by the ministers of the new administration, occupied the bench just vacated by the Asquith ministers across the aisle.

Mr. Asquith, like Mr. Lloyd-George, was absent through sickness, but even with the chief figures absent it was a striking scene of the old and the new regimes facing each other at the crucial moment of the issues over war and peace.

McKenna's reply from the opposition bench besides complimenting Mr. Bonar Law referred to the commanding influence of the American dollar as the result of the war.

"It is not easy to convert sterling wealth into dollar wealth," he said. "We must pay in dollars for what we buy now, not only in America, but all over the world."

Mr. Bonar-Law announced that parliament would be prorogued on December 22 for a period not yet determined.

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been handicapped for many years by an inelastic currency "particularly legal tender notes, or green backs and national bank notes." He said the suggestion has been made that it might be well to require retirement of $200,000,000 national bank notes within three years.

"If Congress should ever decide upon the retirement of the greenbacks, the Federal Reserve banks could be utilized as a means of effecting the operation, without the slightest disturbance to investment rates or to credit facilities," he said.

FRED MITCHELL MAY BECOME MANAGER OF CHICAGO CUBS

New York, Dec. 14.—Percy Haughton, owner of the Boston National League Baseball Club, announced tonight that he had sold Fred Mitchell to the Chicago club of the same league for Outfielder Kelly and a cash consideration. It is assumed Mitchell will act as manager of the Chicago team.

Christmas Slippers at Peterson & Ruffs, for the whole family. d15,17,19,21

FAYETTEVILLE HASN'T GIVEN UP THE FIGHT

N. C. Delegation in Congress Pledge Support.

Messrs. Stedman and Sutton Meet With Overman and Simmons and Congressmen in Kitchin's Office. Daniels in Norfolk.

(Special Star Telegram).

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—At a conference held here today in the office of Majority Leader Claude Kitchin, the entire North Carolina delegation in the House and both Senators Simmons and Overman pledged their support of Fayetteville for the $11,000,000 government armor plate plant which the Navy Department will establish in one of the several states.

Those present at the meeting besides the nine Democratic congressmen and two senator where: N. S. Sinclair, Frank Stedman and Thomas Sutton, all of Fayetteville.

The delegation presented Fayetteville's claim for the big plant and said they would be able to meet all the requirements of the Secretary of the Navy, should it be decided that the city was a suitable location.

As soon as Secretary of the Navy Daniels returns from Norfolk, Congressman Godwin, who arranged the meeting today, will call on Mr. Daniels and ask for an appointment, when the entire delegation will discuss the possibility of the plant going to Fayetteville with the head of the Navy Department. P. R. A.

FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

Holds Called Meeting at Red Springs. Two Matters Handled.

Red Springs, N. C., Dec. 14.—Fayetteville Presbytery was in session here yesterday. This was a called meeting and was unusually well attended, there being about 15 Presbyters present The objects of the meeting, were to dissolve the pastoral relations existing between Rev. J. H. Dixon and Smyrna and Laurel Hill churches, and to consider placing a call from West End church in the hands of Rev. R. S. Arrowood.

There was also informal discussion of the Synod's plan for the standardization of endowment of the Presbyterian institutions of learning in the State. This work is in charge of a committee of seven, composed of one member from each of the Presbyteries. Mr. J. W. McLauchlin, of Raeford, is the member from the Presbytery of Fayetteville. The Synod expects to raise $1,350,000 for the endowment of the schools and colleges under its care.

SHINE MAULTSBY IS DEAD.

Well Known Fayetteville Character Passes Away.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 14.—Richard Shine Maultsby, one of the characters of Fayetteville, is dead. There are not many Fayetteville people, certainly not of the older Fayetteville, who did not know Shine Maulsby. He was engaged in the transfer business for many years and had a wide acquaintance. Under a gruff exterior he carried a kind heart, and he will be missed in his place. He leaves a wife and three children, as well as five brothers and a sister. The funeral was held from the residence of his nephew, Vernon B. Maultsby, on B street at 3 o'clock this afternoon, being conducted by Rev. J. L. Fairly.

WALL STREET AGAIN IN ERUPTIVE STATE

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26; and the second preferred, 35; Baldwin and American Locomotives, 6 1-4 and 8 1-4, respectively; Mercantile Marines and Atlantic, Gulf & West Indies, 7 to 10; coppers 3 to almost 7; papers, 8 to 11; Central Leather, 10; Industrial Alcohol, 12; and issues of more general description, 3 to 7 points.

TO FIX DATES FOR GRAND CIRCUIT MEETINGS IN 1917.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 14.—Stewards of the Grand Circuit Racing Association will meet here January 23 and 24 to fix dates for meetings throughout the country, R. M. Stripling, secretary of the Southern Fair Association announced here today.

TO WED AMERICAN WIDOW

Earl Curzon, new English cabinet minister whose engagement to Mrs. Alfred Duggan, the wealthy American widow, has been announced. Mrs. Duggan is a native of Alabama. She is tall and handsome and well known in European and American society. Her husband died more than a year ago and left her $20,000,000. While living in London until her husband's death, Mrs. Duggan entertained extensively. She has three children.

SPORTS

ATHLETICS TAKE THE TOP

Overwhelm Tigers 33 to 4 and Capture First Place in the Y. M. C. A. League—Two Games Tonight.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Athletics	5	2	.714
Tigers	4	3	.571
Americans	4	3	.571
Red Sox	1	6	.143

Smothering the Tigers under the big end of a 33 to 4 score, the Athletics took the lead in the Y. M. C. A. basketball league last night, in a postponed game on the "Y" court.

The jungle cats were helpless last night before the dazzling attack of their rivals and offered little opposition to the victorious march of the Athletics. They scored their only two goals in the first few minutes of play, and after that there was simply nothing doing, in an offensive way. Bagley and N. Davis were the bright particular stars of the game.

The contest last night will in no way affect the regular Friday night programme. This game was a postponed battle, and the regular double bill will be served up tonight. It should turn out some rather interesting basketball, too, for the Athletics will find their path toward the pennant blocked by the scrappy Americans, while the Tigers will seek to regain some of their lost laurels against the much beaten Red Sox.

The games played on December 22 will mark the conclusion of the first half of the race. The second half will begin with the first game after the holidays, and the winners of the two sessions will later meet in a "world's serious."

The line-up: Tigers—C. W. Davis and Huband, forwards; Rhodes, center; Rennie and Stein, guards. Athletics—N. Davis and Lipinsky, forwards; Gerdes, center; Lewis and Bagley, guards.

Substitutions: LeGwin for Huband. Tiger scoring: goals, Davis 1, Huband 1; Athletics scoring, goals, Davis 4; Lipinsky 1; Gerdes 5; Lewis 4; Bagley 2. Referee, Mr. Keller.

WILL COST LESS NEXT YEAR TO SEE THE WORLD'S SERIES

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Prices of world series games in the American League were reduced to double the regular season prices at the annual meeting of the club owners here tonight. The new scale will be 50 cents for bleacher seats, $1 for seats in the pavilion and $1.50 to $2.00 for grand stand seats Box seats, however, will sell for $5.00. Heretofore $1.00 was usually the lowest price of admission.

The club owners decided to enforce strictly the ruling prohibiting players from writing newspaper stories or permitting their names to be used in connection with them.

The club owners empowered President Johnson to decide the appeal made for the abolishment of the draft rule and the right of the minor leagues to have a board of arbitration of their own to decide cases involving minor league players.

A decision is expected within a week on both questions. The request for the abolishment of the draft rule probably will not be granted, it was reported.

Charles A. Comiskey, president of the Chicago club, was elected vice-president of the league, succeeding Charles Somers, former owner of the Cleveland club.

WASHINGTON & LEE PLACED ON W. & J. SCHEDULE IN 1917

Football Game to be Played at Richmond on Thanksgiving Day.

Washington, Pa., Dec. 14.—The University of Pennsylvania and Rutgers have been dropped from the Washington & Jefferson football schedule and their places will be filled in 1917 by Penn. State and Washington & Lee, it was announced here today. Penn State will meet Washington & Lee at Richmond, Va., on Thanksgiving day.

For the past several years the Washington & Lee eleven has clashed with the North Carolina A. & M. on Thanksgiving Day.

NATIONAL LEAGUE OWNERS HOLD A LENGTHY SESSION.

New York, Dec. 14.—National League owners held a long session here today without touching on the suggested revision of the National Commission's proposed changes in the rules governing the world's series, or the adoption of a new contract for players. The petition of the minor leagues for elimination of the draft rule for class AA clubs was referred to the National Commission and similar action was taken in reference to the creation of a new board of arbitration of five members independent of any existing baseball tribunal, to pass on cases affecting minor and major league clubs or players.

President Haughton, of the Boston club, and several others spoke in regard to the proposed changing of the playing rules with a view to increasing the batting and lessening the domination of pitchers. Among the suggestions offered were those to call only one foul strike instead of two; to give a base on three balls in place of four and to abolish the resin, emery and spit balls.

HANSON AND TURNER TONIGHT.

Good Match Expected When Cracks Clash at Woolvin Hall.

A big crowd is expected to wend its way to Woolvin Hall tonight to witness the clash between Frits Hanson and Bumps Turner. This promises to be one of the best bouts of the season, and the fans are expecting a real treat.

Both Hanson and Turner are said to be rounding into form and both will be in the pink of condition when they face each other tonight. Bumps will have the edge on Frits in weight, but the game Swede is of the opinion that he can trim him down to his size.

Those who saw Hanson win from Turner at Lumina last summer must bear in mind that Turner has improved wonderfully since then, and although the local favorite has added to his stock of tricks also, he will meet a foeman worthy of his steel. The usual preliminaries will be staged. The first bout will begin promptly at 8:30, with Gunner McGurley as referee.

THOMAS MANN THOMPSON, OF SOUTHPORT, DIED YESTERDAY.

Former Mayor Passes After Two Years Illness—Funeral Today.

(By Long Distance Telephone).

Southport, N. C., Dec. 14.—Thomas Mann Thompson, former mayor of Southport, died here this morning at 9:30 o'clock, in the 50th year of his age, following an illness of about two years. Bright's disease was the chief of several complications with which he was afflicted. The funeral will be conducted here tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Archdeacon T. P. Noe, of Wilmington.

"Tommie" Thompson, as he was familiarly and affectionately called, was the eldest son of the late Thomas M. Thompson, who was one of the old time pilots of the Civil War period. Except for a short time in Georgia, "Tommie" Thompson had passed his life in Southport, where he was born. Of a genial temperament, possessed of a courtesy unfailing to young and old, he made friends of all.

In September, 1915, he married Miss Lucile Reamy, whose home was in Virginia, and by whom he is survived. Six sisters and two brothers also survive. They are: Mrs. Harry Phelps and Mrs. J. L. Benton, Southport; Mrs. H. K. White, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. Earl Brown, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. A. W. Reiger, Wilmington; Mrs. C. H. Fisher, High Point; Messrs. J. W. and J. J. Thompson, Southport, all of whom are well known to the people of this section and who have been devoted and untiring in their efforts to restore their brother to health.

Mr. Thompson was a member of the Masonic order, having his membership in Georgia, where he joined in 1899. He was a communicant of St. Phillip's Episcopal church of Southport, where the funeral services will be held Friday afternoon. The sorrowing wife, sisters and brothers have the deepest sympathy of this community in their loss.

It is expected that quite a number of citizens of Wilmington, friends and acquaintances of the late Mr. Thompson, will go down to Southport today to attend the funeral services. Deceased was well and favorably known in this city, where he had many friends by whom the news of his death was received with genuine sorrow.

ANNUAL MEET OF THE COMMERCIAL CONGRESS CLOSES

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tance European manufacturers would have.

Hopes For Lasting Peace.

Belisario Porras, minister to the United States from Panama, congratulated the country upon keeping out of the war, and expressed the hope that when peace negotiations begin this country will "exercise its spirit of justice in such a manner that a treaty may be signed which * * * may prevent the resorting to warms in the future."

Minister Porras also touched upon methods by which America can strengthen its relations with the Latin-American countries and suggested creation of a great distributing agency in Panama for servin those countries. He said that carrying costs would be greatly reduced by shipping in bulk to Panamaand re-shipping in smaller lots from there to fill the needs of South and Central America.

Daniel W. Sale, president of the Travelers' Protective Association of America, told the Congress that the country must send out salesmen in order to secure and hold foreign trade just as salesmen are used at home for developing business.

The date of the 1917 convention in New York City was fixed for the week beginning October 15, and the proposal to hold a Southern manufacturers' exhibit also met with approval.

Congress Closed Last Night.

The doctrine of Pan-American unity, voiced by Dr. Jade Oliverra Botelho, Red Cross delegates from Brazil, and the commercial possibilities of China presented by former Mayor D. S. Rose, of Milwaukee, featured the closing session of the Congress tonight. The other speakers were Belisaris Porras, minister from Panama; H. E. Williams, commissioner of agriculture from West Virginia and Herbert Houston, editor of the World's Work.

Dr. Botelho received a veritable ovation when he declared "that the fleets of the four major Pan-American republics, the United States, Argentina, Brazil and Chile, united and enlarged by the acquisition of new units, are sufficient for the commercial necessities of the two Americas and they can unfurl their commercial banners triumphantly over the whole world." He urged a league of interests between the four republics to this end.

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RESOURCES:		LIABILITIES:	
Loans and Discounts	$5,533,969.70		
U. S. Bonds (at Par).	603,500.00	Capital Stock. . .	$1,000,000.00
Bank Building	450,000.00	Surplus and Net Profits	723,923.59
Bonds and other Securities	336,600.00	Circulation	543,300.00
Liquidation Account, Southern National Bank	28,675.34	Special Deposit Bonds.	15,000.00
Customers' Liability Acceptances	750,000.00	Acceptances	750,000.00
Cash and Due by Banks	2,810,611.76	Deposits.	7,510,133.21
Total	$10,542,356.80	Total	$10,542,356.80

DEPOSITS:
Nov. 17th, 1914 . . . . . $4,213,401.77
Nov. 17th, 1915 . . . . . 6,083,763.59
Nov. 17th, 1916 . . . . . 7,510,133.21

Everybody Reads the Star Business Locals

THEATRICAL

Six of Triangle's greatest feminine stars will be set before you in six of Triangle's greatest productions within the next six weeks at the Grand. You just want to watch the Triangle plays for the next six weeks, the biggest that have ever been released.

It starts off at the Grand today with that exquisite and fascinating little Triangle star, Dorothy Gish, with all-star Griffith support, in a great five-act Triangle-Fine Arts production, "The Little School Ma'am."

She of the brown eyes and the wavy hair does her very greatest work, and enacts a role that will go straight to the hearts of everyone in this latest great David W. Griffith production. She is as pretty as a picture and as charming a star as ever one should wish to see in this feature, and she is surrounded by those delightful Triangle kiddies whose presence in any picture means that it is going to be great.

Send the children to see this picture. It is one that has been especially recommended for the children and is one of those wholesome, clean, light dramas that everyone so enjoys.

"The Shielding Shadow" Today.

Today at the Bijou the 10th great

Dorothy Gish in Triangle Feature "The Little School Ma'am."

TODAY'S TRIANGLE FEATURE AT THE GRAND.

chapter of "The Shielding Shadow" will be presented at the Bijou to the biggest crowds of the entire week. "The Vanishing Mantle" is the title of this great episode, and it is as neat an exhibition of the "black art" as ever led to the burning of a witch during the dark ages. To see a woman at the critical moment of a situation, wrap a black mantle around her form and then vanish, mantle and all, into thin air, is to behold a modern miracle.

This is only one of the thrills of the great 10th chapter of this great serial. Another one is a realistic fire scene that has never before been equalled on the screen. The great stars who are making of this serial a record breaker everywhere, are certainly doing their part in every chapter, and leaves nothing to be desired on the part of any audience, no matter how much saturated they may be with a desire for the sensational and thrilling in photoplays.

Inimitable Mack Swain, with pretty Polly Moran, and other big Keystone stars, are featured in a great two-reel Triangle-Keystone comedy feature also on today's bill, entitled "Madcap Ambrose," which contains more laughs to the square inch than any comedy you have seen in a year. This is a typical Keystone comedy, and inimitable Ambrose is at his very vest. Don't miss this great scream.

New Bill at Victoria.

The third bill to be presented by Castle's Casino Girls at the Victoria will go on for this afternoon and tonight, a laughable farce comedy entitled, "The Barnstormers", which is said to be the very biggest bill presented by this musical comedy aggregation.

In "The Barnstormers" Ben Hassen, the inimitable comedy star of the company, will be seen in the greatest role he has yet essayed that of "Schultz", with Bill Bailey in the role of "Mike McCarthy." This couple will furnish you many chances to laugh heartily, and receive good support from the balance of the organization.

Lottie McCree, as Miss Footlights, the soubrette, does some good work, and is supported by the nifty singing and dancing chorus, which, by the way, contains seven real pretty girls, and some nifty costumes.

Billy Morrell will present as one of the specialty acts that great coon shout song hit, "Pray for the Lights to Go Out", with novel stage settings which will go to make this one of the most pleasing numbers of the bill. Brand new scenery will be seen as a background for today's show.

"Maid to Order."

"Maid to Order," the successful musical comedy which comes to the Academy of Music tomorrow, matinee and night, tells a story that is distinctly American. All of the characters in the play are American. It is not adopted or translated from the French or German or built upon any ideas derived from foreign plays. The whole thing is essentially American and that, perhaps is one reason for the popularity of the piece. The humor is American humor. It tells a story that could happen in America because it is only Americans who would have the audacity to do what is done. To find a really good musical comedy book that makes people laugh is like looking for a pearl among oysters. In "Maid to Order" it is said the humor and music are so reflective of American life that the audiences revel in delight from the rise of the curtain until the final ensemble. The company presenting "Maid to Order" is an exceptional one and includes among its list of clever singers, dancers and comedians such well known names as Rose Botti, Sallie Stembler, Harry Medonough, Jr., Jack MacClellan, and the famous Russell sisters.

The matinee prices are 25 cents for the balcony seats and 50 cents for lower floor seats. Children 25 cents to any seat. The night prices range from 50 cents to $1. Tickets are now on sale at Elvington's Pharmacy.

JOLLIE SALLIE STEMBLER With "Maid to Order," Academy Saturday, Matinee and Night.

Superior Music, Little Known, On Hampton Court's Program

HAMPTON COURT SINGERS.

IN character of program which they present the Hampton Court Singers, an attraction of our local Lyceum course soon to appear here, have sounded a note of originality. Taking cognizance of the fact that most of the mixed concert parties have builded their programs almost entirely of operatic music, either by producing an act from well known operatic works or by making excerpts therefrom, the Hampton Court Singers have almost entirely discarded operatic music and have given over their program to interpretation of good music outside operatic lines. By so doing they have performed a real service and are bringing to Lyceum audiences a program of superior music which has heretofore been but little known and appreciated. The revival of the old English motion songs in appropriate costumes of their period has been a particularly happy innovation.

Bon Marche (Incorporated). The Most Up-to-Date Department Store in the Carolinas **Bon Marche** Incorporated.

Ready For Your Christmas Shopping

This store has undergone a con plete change since Wednesday. The final shipment of fixtures has arrived and been placed in position, and the merchandise has been distributed to the various sections. With this new equipment you will find shopping much easier and more convenient as the goods are displayed for your viewing.

With Christmas a little more than a week off we are making final preparations for the Christmas gift hunters. Here are a few of the really good suggestions that we have to offer.

A Booth of Handkerchiefs

To the right and towards the rear of the store you will find the new handkerchief booth showing many plain and novel ideas in Christmas handkerchiefs. There is a saying "When in doubt, give handkerchiefs," and the way the ladies are buying them we presume there are any number of doubtful ones.

Plain handkerchiefs are priced at **5¢** to **25&.**

Embroidered handkerchiefs sell for **10¢, 15¢, 25¢** and up to **$1.25.**

Initial handkerchiefs for men are priced at **15¢** and **25¢.**

Handkerchiefs for children in Christmas boxes, three in a box, are priced at **15¢** and **25¢.**

Crpe de chine handkerchiefs in white and all colors are priced at **25¢** each.

Another Shipment of Kid Gloves

On Wednesday we received a large shipment of Kid Gloves in plain white without stitching, in all sizes, to sell at **$1.50** pair.

The Centemeri Kid Gloves come in all sizes, in the attractive contrasting stitching, black on white and white on black. They are the finest imported quality, and are selling rapidly at **$2.00** and **$2.50** pair.

Silk Hosiery For Christmas Giving

We are selling $1.25 McCallum Silk Hosiery, and also a large line of $1.25 fancy silk hosiery very special this week at **$1.00** pair.

Ask to see these Better hose.

Gordon No. H-300 hose, in Christmas boxes, white and black, for **$1.25** box.

Kayser and Niagara Maid Silk Underwear

On the mezzanine floor you will find a goodly collection of new silk underwear, the greater part of which came in for Christmas selling. Many people give silk underwear as presents, and we suggest these for your memorandum list.

Italian silk vests, in white and flesh, are priced at **$1.50** to **$2.50.**

Italian silk vests, in white and flesh, are priced at at **$1.50** to **$5.00.**

Flesh colored knit union suits with Italian silk top, priced at **$1.25** to **$2.50.**

Christmas Clearance Sale of Dresses Continues

A large line of silk and serge dresses are selling Friday and Saturday at very special prices. There are many pretty models in the assortments and the low prices make them an extremely attractive purchase.

Values to $ 8.50, special at **$ 5.75.**

Values to $16.50, special at **$ 8.75.**

Values to $20.00, special at **$15.75.**

Values to $25.70, special at **$18.75.**

EXPECT COURT TO ADJOURN

More Than a Score of Cases Are Disposed of on the Motion Docket Armour & Co., Gets Verdict.

More than a score of cases on the motion docket were disposed of at yesterday's session of the Superior Court in 17 of which non-suits were entered, and such good progress was made that it is expected that the present session of court, over which Judge G. W. Connor is presiding, will be able to adjourn by noon today.

Twenty-four cases were cleared from the docket, including the case of Armour & Company against the Tidewater Grocery Company, in which the jury returned a verdict for the sum of $720.75 against J. H. Stone with interest from February 18, 1915. The indebtedness of the company was admitted in this case, the only issue submitted to the jury being whether Mr. R. R. Stone was a partner in the firm. The defense contended that he was not a partner and the jury so held.

The trial of this case was continued at yesterday's session from the preceding day. Robert Ruark, Esq., appeared for Mr. J. H. Stone and McClammy & Burgwin, Esqs., represented Mr. R. R. Stone, while J. O. Carr, Esq., appeared for Armour & Company.

Non-suits were entered in the following cases: American Piano Company against C. B. Belvis; Geo. Nixon against N. G. Cooner; W. H. James, Sr., against Z. J. Carter and others; Murchison National Bank against H. A. Williams; Sing Lee against Emma Lee; Stephen Nelson against W. E. Chadwick; McNair & Pearsall against G. B. Patterson; Stephen Nelson against W. E. Chadwick; E. S. Waddell against K. C. Sidbury; David Lupton & Company against Rhodes & Underwood; Cable Piano Company against Lanie Andrews; C. W. Nixon against the Wilmington Fruit Exchange; Geo. Harriss against Irving Bear; Picard Bleecker Auto Company against C. D. Gilbert; J. F. Leitner against the Lumberton Hotel Company; Pickard Bleecker Auto Company against S. A. Kittrell; K. C. Sidbury against Southern National Bank.

Judgment with costs against the defendant were entered in the cases of M. L. Hinwitz against Ellen Lindley and others.

Other cases disposed of included those of Z. W. Whitehead against the Auto Trading Company, in which judgment by default heretofore entered was ordered stricken out; that of American National Bank & Trust Company against Alex Newton and others, in which judgment was entered; that of the New Hanover Transit Company against the Germania Manufacturing Company, in which judgment was entered, and that of the Sterchi-Bancroft Company against Dolly Huston, which was dismissed.

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THE WILMINGTON STAR CO.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1916.

TOP O' THE MORNING.

It is a good thing to be strong, but it is a better thing to be beloved by many friends. —SELECTED.

The slogan now is: Ship your Christmas packages now.

A bad actor has an idea that the people of his audiences are dissterical.

The man who has to foot the expenses would prefer to put his foot on them.

All of us insist of being "fed out of the same spoon," but we want it to be a real gold spoon.

There are men who seem to be standing candidates for every office that is open for an incumbent.

Then there's Barnum. It seems that "he spoke for all time"—like Shakespeare and General Sherman.

Hordes of Hindus want to come to the United States, but Asia is the best place for Hindus to remain.

Not long ago in most Southern states the law compelled a man to build a $500 fence to keep a $1 hog from destroying his crop.

Now they are having banquets at which nobody is allowed to speak unless they think of something that ought to be said.

Some men who started out in life without a cent have gone through life without it. Yet some folks say "it can't be done."

One thing that we can cut out is the high cost of some of our habits, sports and pleasures. Some of them are not good for our health, anyway.

It is said that people are going to have their way, but the fact is they make it about "fifty-fifty" when it comes to a parting of their ways.

Somebody who wants to show how extravagant we are as a people, figures it out that America spends $40,000,000 a year in shooting clay pigeons.

The people of Wilmington ought to look carefully into all the legislation proposed for this city. The Legislature will meet on the 3rd of January.

It is about time for the Democratic party to pay particular attention to some of the undemocratic things that are suggested for the party's endorsement.

Certain New Yorkers who fear that the Europeans will dump their cheap manufactures on Americans after the war are hurriedly dumping a lot of their worthless stocks on Americans themselves. They stand for the home dump.

People who have munitions stock on hand are trying to get rid of them. The reason why they want to sell is why others should not want to buy. Nevertheless, there are those who buy gold bricks every time they get a chance.

A Cincinnati man's wife got a divorce from him, but he declared to the judge: "I can appear at the gates of Heaven and truthfully say that I have never told my wife a lie in my life." Since it will be inferred that he told some awful truths about himself, he will find that the gates may be closed to such a truthful man as he.

In some of the good roads communities of the South, Bermuda grass is being planted on the "shoulders" of the highways in order to keep the slopes from washing into the side ditches. It also adds to the attractiveness of the roads, while tree planting will add to their beauty. That is taking the proper steps to save roads after they are built, but so far as presenting roadside erosion is concerned, there is nothing better than our Eastern North Carolina honeysuckle. It will furnish pretty flowers and abundant fragrance as well.

NORTH CAROLINA COAL FIELDS MAY BE OPENED.

Mr. Alfred M. Myrover, a well known Fayetteville newspaper correspondent, write sinterestingly of the prospects for operating the coal mines at Egypt, N. C., on a large scale. These deposits were mined prior to and also during the Civil War and the coal was brought to Wilmington for use by the government of the Confederate States. Some 20 years ago the mines were bought by a Pennsylvania company and operated till they were closed by a disaster resulting in the loss of many miners because of a fire damp explosion.

The coal deposits at Cumnock had been almost forgotten, but Mr. Myrover says the efforts of Fayetteville to get the government armor plate plant have attracted the attention of the experts and capitalists in the North. He says in an article in the Charlotte Observer:

"When the men of Fayetteville in the early days of last August, started the campaign toward the acquisition of the armor plate plant for their city they opened a new era in the history of Fayetteville. For they set on foot a train of events that will almost without doubt lead to a great industrial benefit to their own town and the State of North Carolina.

"With the prospect of such a big and businesslike patron as the United States Government at hand, capital began at once to be interested in the coal lands lying around Egypt, which had never received the attention their hidden treasure warranted and which for the past 20 years had received almost no attention whatever.

"Things began to stir around the old mine at Cumnoc which has for so long been a hazy sort of mystery to everyone who did not know its true history. Men began to come and go between Pennsylvania and North Carolina, and things have now practically reached that pass where the reopening of North Carolina's coal fields does not depend on the government armor plant. Even if the armor plate mill were not located here—and the supposition is in no sense an admission, as there are few persons now so ill-informed as not to know that Fayetteville' chances are about as good as anybody's—but supposing, just for argument's sake, that a mistake is made in locating the plant, the prospect of owning a coal mine with a capacity of 400 tons a day in the center of the greatest industrial State in the South would still look mighty good to the person having the prospect in view—conceding, of course, that the person loved money.

"Some time ago a mine expert from Pennsylvania came down to Cumnock and reported that the mine there is easily capable of turning out 400 tons of coal daily, and that "within moderate radius" there was waiting a home market which would require 455 tons daily to supply! There doesn't seem to be any lack of a market.

"Of course, everyone likes to do business with a government. Most business men, and mine operators are no exception, would prefer one contract to a thousand contracts. So that explains the sudden awakening of interest in the old Rip Van Winkle mine which has slept its 20 years. Yet there are those who could have proved to you at any time that it was not sleeping but dead. One could prove there was any amount of coal but that it was not worth taking out of the ground. The very fact that it had been allowed to lie dormant so long proved it was not worth developing, of course. But, fortunately, North Carolina's failure to develop a thing does not prove it a thing not worth while. If that were proof, then our climate were arid, our soil barren, our rivers and streams dried up. Even our colleges would not escape this proof.

"The old Egypt mine, as it was then called, now known as the Cumnock mine, was opened before the War Between the States, the coal at first being brought by wagon to Fayetteville, where one of its biggest users was the United States Government, at its arsenal here. Later the old Western Railroad was built from Fayetteville to Egypt, being later extended to Mount Airy on one hand and Wilmington on the other as the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley. Cumnock is in Chatham county, near the Lee county line, six miles northwest of Sanford and 43 miles from Fayetteville. Just the other day a man opening a new 100-acre farm over in Lee county was drilling for water and was very much disgusted when he struck coal. It ruined his water. This was said to be the vein of the Cumnock mine over in Chatham. The mine was operated all during the Civil War, being one of the few coal mines within the Confederate lines.

"Operation was continued after the war but methods of operation gradually become such that the reputation of a high grade coal was ruined, and for the past 20 years the mine has been practically unworked."

The geologists who have recently examined the Cumnock coal property appear to make favorable reports about both the quantity and the quality of the deposits—seemingly in two veins pitching east at something like a dip of 45 degrees. The coal is bituminous and recent assays show that it is above the average quality compared with bituminous coal from Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia, Ohio and Tennessee. It is estimated by surveys that the coal available at the Cumnock property is 13,120,000 tons.

The opening of these mines would result in a large operation and a successful result would be of vast importance to the port of Wilmington. The near approach of the completion of the canalization of the Cape Fear river to Fayetteville makes the deal all the more important, as it will afford water facilities for transporting the coal in barges to Wilmington.

BIG SHIPBUILDING PLANT FOR CHARLESTON.

Having completed the new Seaboard Air Line extension from Charleston to Savannah, Mr. W. R. Bonsal, heretofore of Hamlet, N. C., evidently has decided to identify himself with the development of Charleston. In that respect the South Carolina city is indeed fortunate, for Mr. Bonsal has a genius for construction and is a man whose capability and enterprise fit him for handling undertakings with scope to them.

The News and Courier announced yesterday the completion of a large deal on the water front, with Mr. Bonsal and associates playing the stellar role. They finally agreed upon the purchase of the Valk & Murdock Iron Works at a price of $130 a share. They took over all the stock $30 above par, so the property must have changed hands at a consideration representing a huge sum of money. The same parties also purchased the adjoining property on the water front, including the Mutual Ice Company, for which latter plant the sum of $72,000 was paid. All these properties will be consolidated, and evidently Mr. Bonsal has something on a large scale in view.

Just what it is The News and Courier guardedly refrains from saying, except that "it is one of the most important deals in the history of Charleston, as it is assured that the plant will be tremendously expanded with the working out of plans, the exact nature of which is not decided." However, the Charleston paper adds:

"It is assured that the new owners intend to make the plant second in importance to none on the entire South Atlantic coast and their plans, when arranged, will be thorough. It is because they wish thoroughness in their arrangements that no statement of a programme is available at this time.

"It is futher assured that the upbuilding of this plant will be of increasing importance to Charleston. Within a short while it is expected that the labor roll at the plant will have been considerably augmented through the expansion of the concern.

"The plant now has a first-class marine railway which has been kept busy since it was ready for operation. It is expected that facilities for the handling of much larger vessels will be installed.

"By the purchase or adjoining property, the Valk & Murdoch plant has a thousand feet of frontage on the Cooper river, sufficient for a very considerable increase in its facilities for handling vessels. It is expected that improvement of the plant will be begun soon, though the nature of the first of the improvements is not announced."

It is an easy guess that Charleston is to have a big shipbuilding plant, and an editorial in the Columbia State yesterday evidently refers to the Bonsal deal. Says The State:

"The construction of a shipyard of large capacity at Charleston seems assured—a plant that will employ a great number of skilled laborers and add thousands of white people to the population of the city. On that line should Charleston normally develop—as a port, with all the accessories of a port.

"A great commercial shipyard in Charleston would have the additional advantage of stabilizing the labor supply for the United States naval station and would remove one of the objections that the enemies of that establishment in Congress have urged against it."

Putting this and that together, there is confirmation of the rumors that have been circulating for some time to the effect that a great port development for Charleston was on foot.

THE COLD STORAGE IS EMPHASIZED

The high cost of living is largely blamed on cold storages at a distance but now the use of cold storages in certain centers of local production are pointed to as a relief for the localities which ordinarily are served out of cold storages at Jersey City for the East and other storage points for the different trade zones of the United States.

Florence has a cold storage, but The Times complains that the farmers of that section of South Carolina have not been taking advantage of the facilities provided by the Florence Ice Company at great expense to that concern, in response to the demand of the farmers for storage for the fresh meat which they desire to hold for the Florence market. This is a time, however, when the uses of cold storages in such centers as Florence can be emphasized. They ought to save the farmers many a dollar. When farmers can kill cattle, hogs and poultry and have the advantage of storing them until the market is ready for them, The Times urges that the privilege should be appreciated. Local egg supplies can be kept in each cold storage locality if the people will patronize them. It will cut out long haul freights. The consumer, he pays the freight.

LARGE FARM DEVELOPMENTS MADE POSSIBLE.

Commerce and Finance, New York, regards it as a new departure that the Farm Loan act is accountable for the fact that it will result in the development of millions of acres of idle Southern lands by large farming corporations. As a result of the increased convertability that will be given to agricultural lands Editor Theo. H. Price comments upon the growing appreciation of farm lands as a basis for securities. In view of that fact, it is cited that the Norfolk Southern Farms Company has been organized to develop 45,000 acres of land in Eastern North Carolina. Still another large corporation is the Consolidated Land Company, of Florida, which is developing 1,000,000 acres of land in southern Florida. That company will operate farms and establish the largest cattle ranch in the South. The editor of Commerce and Finance says of the plan of farming these development corporations:

"We shall watch these and similar enterprises with great interest. Stock in plantation companies organized to develop great tracts of land in distant climes has long been a favorite form of investment for English capital and the securities of numerous tea, coffee, sugar and rubber plantations are listed on the London stock exchange. Americans have, however, until very recently been slow to put their capital into such enterprises. A change in this respect is much to be desired and it looks as if it may be coming. There is every reason for it. Agricultural land is the basis of all wealth other than that derived from mines, quarries or oil wells. It supplies most of the material that manufacturers fabricate and ships and railways distribute. Under the scientific management of large corporations with abundant capital the cost of agricultural production would probably be lowered to the benefit of both the consumer and the investor and it is hard to conceive of a safer or more beneficent method in which to use capital than by putting it at work in a progressive farming corporation.

"The economic advantages are obvious but the social advantages would be equally great. An intelligently conducted farming corporation would out of self interest find a way to make rural life more attractive for its employes and by both example and practice would be able to reverse the city-ward tendency of our population which is one of the great evils of the present day in America.

"The picture of a great farm scientifically and sympathetically conducted by a wise and progressive corporation is in fact so attractive to both the financier and the sociologist that we shall be surprised if it does not soon take shape in the prospectus of such an enterprise and the issuance of its securities under responsible auspices."

CURRENT COMMENT.

Please don't send us any Razor back hogs on your subscription, we haven't room in the office for them, send them to the Wilmington papers.—Whiteville News Reporter.

The Wilmington Star remarks that the stories being sent out from New Bern and Southport in regard to the enormous catches of fish being made at Morehead City and Beaufort and at Southport, are by no means fish stories but are the true facts in every sense of the word and The Star is correct. During the past two or three weeks unusually large catches of fish have been made off the Carolina coast and if the fishermen have failed to make money out of these the fault is theirs alone. The demand for fish just at this time is heavy and, at times in recent weeks, the supply has been inadequate but the present large run of the members of the finny tribe makes it possible to fill all orders and in return a stream of dollars is flowing into the coffers of the fishermen. The lot of the fisherman is, at times, hard but after all, one sometimes envies them and the good fortune which often comes their way. —New Bern Sun-Journal.

Already a number of Sampson county people are arranging to avail themselves of the credit which will be extended them under the Farm Loan Act of Congress. Several Farm Loan Associations have been formed. The average farmer has always stood in need of credit to finance his farm. He needs cash to buy improved machinery, to discount his fertilizer bills, to buy stock cheaper with, and for a hundred other purposes. He needs money that is cheap and that can be borrowed for a long term. The farm loans that will be made under the new system of rural credits will fill just such needs as the farmer has had. Loans will be made for not more than six per cent. and the length of time which the loan may run insures a complete freedom from fear of mortgage foreclosure. Sampson county farmers do not want to go wild over the prospects of being able to borrow, but we are glad that they are preparing to avail themselves of this generous opportunity for their further advance.—Sampson Democrat.

At a largely attended meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday evening the committee which recently visited Moultrie, Ga., to investigate the remarkably successful packing plant there, reported fully and in detail and expressed its opinion that what has been done in Georgia can be done with equal facility in North Carolina through the organization of a similar industry at Raleigh. What was better than any report, was the motion made by E. C. Duncan, banker and capitalist, for the enlargement of the committee to a membership of 20, with power to act, after satisfying themselves as to the practicability of the plan. Such a committee, composed of men of means and business standing, will in due course finally determine the question one way or the other. If they decide for the plant, they will proceed to open stock-subscription books and get it without more ado. If they find irremediable objections, they will say so. In this much discussed matter, we are now at the stage of action. The Times believes in the packing plant, on account of the proved theory of the thing, by reason of the climate and country we have in and adjacent to Raleigh, and because the nature of the business is such as to make it valuable in the development it will bring to the agricultural interests far beyond any purely corporate success it may obtain. The packing plant creates wealth and distributes it. It is essentially a builder and conservator. Its genius is one of economy opposed to waste. No enterprise could be entered upon which could with reason be expected to benefit more people. If it shall come as the result of the activity of the chamber of commerce, it will have justified ten times the labor and expenditure devoted to it since its re-organization along modern lines. As the matter now stands, the organization of the packing house may be said to be an assured fact, pending definite arrangements with the railroads for rates to justify the economical handling of its product. Such rates will be the subject of easy agreement, since the interest and co-operation of the railroads has been expressed and may be expecid. The committee, however, will act only after preparation and prevision to make the plant a go and keep it going. Raleigh is ready for its packing plant.—Raleigh Times.

MOUNT OLIVE MYSTERY SOLVED

Young Negro is Explanation of Disappearance of Merchandise.

Mount Olive, N. C., Dec. 14.—The solution of the mystery of the continuous disappearance of suits of clothes, neckties, overcoats and numerous articles of wearing apparel from the store of the Ward Dry Goods Company here during the past two or three weeks, perhaps longer, was cleared up Wednesday of this week, when Chief of Police U. S. Page and Deputy Sheriff Rhodes searched the home of Julius Boone, a negro about 25 years of age, who lives near here and has already served one or two road sentences for vagrancy, gambling, etc., where they found near a hundred dollars' worth of the above-named articles. They got their clues as to the identity of the party committing the larceny from parties to whom he had sold some of his takings.

But Julius was, and is not. Wednesday morning he was here. Where he is now, Chief of Police Page and Deputy Rhodes would like to know; but they don't.

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An emergent communication of this lodge will be held this (Friday) evening at 8:00 o'clock, for work in the Fellow Craft Degree. A full and prompt attendance requested. All visiting members are cordially invited to meet with us. By order of the W. M.

C. C. BROWN, Secretary.

EXECUTORS' NOTICE.

The undersigned having this day qualified as Executors of the Last Will and Testament of Henry Arthur Burr, deceased, we hereby give notice to all persons having claims against our said Testator to present the same to the undersigned, or any one of them, on or before the 10th day of November, 1917, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

Dated this November 9th, 1916.

AUSTIN H. BURR,
FREDERICK S. BURR,
HENRY A. BURR, JR.,
MASON G. BURR,
Executors of the Last Will and Testament of Henry Arthur Burr, deceased.
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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator with the will annexed of Mary Elizabeth Borden, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to her estate to make immediate payment, and all persons having claims against said estate must present them for payment on or before the ninth day of November, 1917, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This 9th day of November, 1916.

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—Rev. J. S. Crowley will preach tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the New Hope Presbyterian church, near Winnabow, in preparation for the communion service which will be held at the church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

SUPT. J. J. FURLONG RESIGNS HIS POSITION

Council Finds No Moral Guilt to Street Superintendent.

Investigation Conducted Last Night Results, However, in Verdict That Disclosures Showed Lack of Care and Attention.

Mr. John J. Furlong, superintendent of streets for the city of Wilminfton, submitted his resignation from this position, which was accepted by Council by a unanimous vote, at the close of the investigation of charges of irregularity last night, following the announcement of the finding of Council that the evidence submitted was insufficient to find a verdict affixing moral guilt to the street superintendent but that the disclosures made were such as to indicate a lack of care and attention to the details of his department.

The announcement of the resignation of Superintendent Furlong was made through his attorney, Herbert McClammy, Esq., who was associated with A. G. Ricaud and W. P. Gafford, Esqs., in looking after his interests in the investigation. The examination of witnesses had been completed at 10:45 o'clock and members of Council then held an executive session in the office of Mayor Moore, which lasted for three quarters of an hour.

Decision is Announced.

While the councilmen deliberated, the crowd of spectators which had thronged the Council chamber during the hearing, had a recess. Promptly at 11:30 o'clock, Mayor P. Q. Moore pounded on the table for order and asked Capt. Thos. D. Meares, city clerk and treasurer, to read the decision, which had been written out.

"We do not find that the evidence submitted to the Council in this case is sufficient to find a verdict affixing moral guilty to Mr. J. J. Furlong," read Captain Meares, "but we think that the disclosures made in the evidence are such as to indicate a lack of care and attention to the details of his department."

"In view of this investigation and of the charges of irregularity," said Mr. McClammy in announcing the resignation, "Mr. Furlong felt that he was justified in entering a demurrage to the charges, but felt that it was due the public of Wilmington, to his family and to himself, that there should be a full investigation made in order that his character should be cleared of any reproach. In order that his interests might be properly protected, he employed counsel. Now in view of the verdict that Council has rendered against him, and feeling that he can no longer be of service to the city, Mr. Furlong wishes to announce his resignation to be effective at once."

"I move that the resignation be accepted," said Councilman McCaig, as Mr. McClammy sat down. This was quickly seconded by Councilman Bunting. Mayor Moore put the motion and there was a chorus of "ayes" from the six councilmen. Councilman Merritt moved an adjournment and the investigation was a part of history.

Witnesses examined by Council included Councilmen Hall and Bradshaw and many of the employes of the street department, who testified relative to the digging of a ditch in the northeastern section of the city, which Mr. Furlong had stated had been the place where J. Brown and E. Smith, two men for whom he had signed the pay roll on October 27th for $16.50 each, had worked, and several stated that they had made unsuccessful efforts to locate the two men. The employment of Mr. W. L. Burkheimer as a special officer during the present term of Superior court and the drawing of $10 from the city pay roll last week while he was serving as county officer, was also the subject o investigation.

Mr. Furlong Examined.

Mr. Furlong went on the stand in his own behalf following the completion of examination by City Attorney Ruark and members of Council, and stated that he was ready to answer any questions they desired to ask. The City Attorney had no questions, but Councilman Bunting wanted to know where Mr. Furlong had employed J. Brown and E. Smith, about whom the charges had been made. The witness stated that he did not remember. He had made every effort to locate them since the rumors started, he stated, but without success. He did not know them personally but there are many men on the street force whom he did not know. It had been a month after the two men were employed by him that it was called to his attention.

"I remember their working for the city, of course," replied Mr. Furlong to a question from Councilman Jones as to whether he knew them. He told of their working on the ditch, of his going over to pay them off on October 27th and of being accompanied by Mr. W. L. Burkheimer. This was not an unusual thing for him to do. He had frequently done it for others.

As to allowing Mr. Burkheimer $10 for his services in connection with work on the Sixth street bridge, he did not know that the latter had told Councilman Bradshaw that he would be glad to render such assistance as he could free of charge on the job of which he had been previously foreman. He had allowed Mr. Burkheimer the money because he thought he was justly entitled to it.

Mr. Burkheimer corroborated the statements made by Mr. Furlong and explained that he had gone to the Sixth street bridge early in the morning and spent several hours and had gone again in the afternoon and even at the noon hour. As to the two men whom Mr. Furlong had paid, he had gone with the latter to pay them off because Mr. Furlong had offered to take him home for dinner. They were strangers to him.

Two colored men, living in the vicinity of 11 and Wood streets, were called to the stand by counsel for Mr. Furlong and each of them testified that they had seen two men working in a ditch near their home about the middle of October. They could not say who they were, but were quite positive that they were there and had cleaned out the ditch.

Brilliant Legal Argument.

When Council convened at 8 o'clock there was no more standing space in the large room. Those that could not get in, lined the windows outside the room and endured the cold in order that they might have an opportunity to

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$15,000 PROPERTY IS PURCHASED BY JUNIORS

Plan to Eventually Build Home for Members in Wilmington.

Crystal Palace Theatre Property is Acquired by Members of George Washington Council by Deal Closed Yesterday.

With a view to eventually erecting a handsome home for the members of the Junior Order of American Mechanics in Wilmington, a realty deal involving $15,000 was closed yesterday morning by which George Washington Council No. 67 purchased the building and property on South Second street formerly used by the Crystal Palace and vaudeville theatre, from the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Skinner. The deal was made through the real estate office of Mr. F. A. Lord, following a vote to purchase the property by members of the Council at a meeting held Wednesday night.

It was stated last night that it is the intention of the Council to spend between $2,000 and $3,000 in remodeling and renovating the present two-story building on the property and that several years hence it is planned to build a handsome home for the Junior Order of Wilmington on the site of the building.

A portion of the second floor of the present building will be fitted up as a Council hal for the members of George Washington Council, and part of the lower and upper floors will be remodeled and leased to the Frost Ice Cream Company. The Capps-Griffith Plumbing Company will retain by lease their present quarters in the building.

The property, which is one of the most valuable and centrally located in the city, fronts 85 feet on South Second street and is 78 feet deep. It takes in all the property from the Garrell building to Toomer's Alley.

The purchasing committee for the Council was composed of C. C. Cashwell, Esq., T. J. Eagles, J. A. McNorton, Esq., A. W. Branch and T. C. Ellers.

HOUSEWIVES ARE URGED TO "STICK TOGETHER" ON BOYCOTT

Officials of Local League State That Butter and Eggs Have Dropped.

Urging the members of the Housewives' League and the members of other local organizations which are backing them up in the boycott on eggs and butter to "stick together," officials of the League yesterday called attention to the efficacy of the boycott as demonstrated by the fact that the wholesale price of butter dropped two cents on the Wilmington market yesterday, and that fresh country eggs are being advertised at 35 cents a dozen at retail.

PENSION MONEY RECEIVED.

Major Harriss Received Nearly $4,000 Yesterday for Old Soldiers.

Major W. N. Harriss, clerk of the Superior court, received yesterday a check for $3,676, the amount of pension money to be paid to the old Confederate soldiers of New Hanover county. Under the government classification soldiers of the first class will receive $72, those of the second class, $60, those of the third class, $48, and those of the fourth class, $32.

The number of veterans in New Hanover county who will receive a share of this money, according to classes, are as follows: First class, none; second class, one; third class, two; fourth class, 110. The classes are arranged according to the extent of injuries received in action. To be eligible for the first class, the soldier must have suffered the loss of both arms or both legs, or one arm and one leg; to the second class, one arm or one leg; to the third class, part of one arm or leg; fourth class, all others.

HAMPTON COURT SINGERS.

Enjoyable Entertainment Will be Given at St. Andrew's Tonight.

The entertainment to be given by the Hampton Court Singers at the Memorial hall of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church tonight beginning promptly at 8 o'clock promises to be one of the most enjoyable of the very excellent series which has been provided for the lyceum course this year. There are five members of the company and they render a programme of songs and readings which will be highly entertaining.

The presentation of an Irish Musical sketch, "The Kerry Courting," will be one of the features of the evening, while the readings will be very interesting.

TO SPEAK AT ACORN BRANCH.

Mr. I. W. Medlin to Give Illustrated Lecture on Africa.

Mr. I. W. Medlin, of New Bern, field secretary of the Epworth League of the North Carolina Conference, will lecture tonight at Acorn Branch Methodist church. Mr. Medlin's subject will be "The League's Work in Africa." During the course of his talk he will give illustrations by showing slides of scenes in Africa, taken by Bishop Lambuth, while he was touring the Dark Continent.

A Relic of Blockade Days.

Mr. A. W. Watson exhibited to a Star representative yesterday a box of percussion caps which came into possession of his wife's family through the activities of one of the many blockade runners during the stirring days of the War Between the States. The box bears the name of Eley Bros., Ltd., London, and the label "100 No. 12 percussion caps. E. B. quality."

DENIES BELGIUM HAS BEEN OFFERED PEACE BY TEUTONS

London, Dec. 14.—The Belgian legation in London today published a denial of a story printed in the Morning Telegraph yesterday of a peace offer to Belgium by the Central Powers.

New Orleans, Dec. 14.—The directors of the Southern Pine Association, at a meeting here, late today approved plans for the formation of an organization to foster the sale and development for agricultural purposes of the cut-over timber lands of the South.

Christmas Slippers at Peterson & Rulfs, for the whole family. d15,17,19,21

MAKES STRONG PLEA FOR NATION'S YOUTH

Mr. L. H. Putnam, of Children's Home Society, Heard Last Night.

Declares That the "Age of Protection" Should be Raised at Next Meeting of Legislature—Tells of Society's Work.

Speaking on the subject of "Conservation of Childhood," Mr. L. H. Putnam, superintendent of the North Carolina Children's Home Society, delivered an interesting and instuctive lecture at the court house last night. He was introduced by Mr. Odis B. Hinnant, secretary of boys' work in Wilmington.

Mr. Putnam gave a very graphic discription of the work that is being done by the institution that he represents, among the delinquent and dependent children of the State. He recited numerous instances that tended to illustrate the points which he desired to emphasize.

The speaker scored the present law in North Carolina that permits the "age of protection" for girls to remain at 14 years. "We say that a woman must be 18 before she has discretion and judgment enough to marry without the consent of her parents or guardian," declared Mr. Putnam, "and say that she must be 21 before she has the business sense to dispose of one morsel of property belonging to her, and say that she never has sense enough to vote, and yet we let her sell or give away her very soul at 14. The man, on the other hand, who is guilty of bringing into this world a little soul, that is damned and cursed from the hour of its birth to the hour of its death, can pay the paltry sum of $50 and go free."

The speaker said that there would be a fight at the next session of the Legislature to raise the age of consent to 18 years. He was of the opinion that it should be 21, but feared that a compromise would have to be made with 16 as the limit.

Mr. Putnam told of a man who had come to his office from Burlington, ragged, unkempt and dejected, and begged to have his two babies taken care of, saying that he was dying, and that the people of Burlington had consented to care for him while he lived and to provide for his burial. The speaker described how he had endeavored to persuade him that he could live for his chilren if he would only screw up his courage and make the attempt. The man, declared Mr. Putnam, did so, with the result that he was soon well and able to care for his children.

Mr. Putnam next recited an incident that happened to him on the streets of Atlanta, one cold, rainy night some 17 years ago, when a little ragged street urchin begged him to buy his last two papers, saying that he lacked ten cents of having enough money to buy medicine for his sick mother. "I bought the last two papers," said the speaker, "and went into a store to wait for my car. When I finally went out on the street again, the same little boy approached me, and again asked me to buy his last two papers."

Then came the story of this little ragmuffin's brief existence—how his drunken father had left him homeless, to be given to the owners of a cheap lodging house, who made him bring in 50 cents every night by fair means or foul. Mr. Putnam said that he helped this boy to a position, saw him started in the Y. M. C. A. night school and a few years ago met him in Mobile as the inspector of offices for several states for one of the leading telegraph companies of the United States.

Mr. Putnam said that his contention was that the normal place for the normal child was in the normal home. At the same time he explained that he was not putting up any opposition to any orphanage or other such institution, but that he firmly believed that the home of some respectable, well-to-do family who either had no children of their own, or whose children had grown up and left home, was a far more suitable and appropriate place than in an orphanage.

The speaker closed with an eloquent appeal for the destitute and dependent children of the city and State, and pointed out how vital it was to the welfare of the city, State and Nation to conservate the children of our country. Mr. Putnam made a profound impression on his hearers.

TO HAVE CABIN CAMP.

Boys' Division of Y. M. C. A. Plan Novel Recreation Scheme.

One of the recent forward steps in the work of the Boys' Division of the Y. M. C. A. is that of building a cabin three miles down the river for the purpose of over-night camps. This cabin is being built by the boys and when completed will furnish safe and comfortable quarters for winter camping. Through the kindness and generosity of a local lumber firm the boys have secured the lumber necessary for the construction of the cabin, and although they are doing practically all the work themselves there will be an additional cost of about $10 for material and the hauling of the lumber. The boys have decided to sell a Christmas calendar to help cover the balance of the cost. This statement is made that the public may know for what purpose the boys are selling this special "Ryte-me" post card Christmas calendar.

VESTRYMEN ELECTED.

Those to Serve St. John's Church Selected Tuesday Night.

The parish of St. John's Episcopal church selected vestrymen Tuesday night as follows:

Washington Catlett, senior warden; T. F. Darden, junior warden; H. F. Wilder, treasurer; W. G. James, clerk; W. G. Cleaper, W. H. Yopp, J. Hicks Bunting, J. B. Hatchell and J. D. McCarley.

Treasure Hunt Tomorrow.

Final instructions will be given at 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. to the youngsters who are to take part in the Christmas treasure hunt of the Boys' Division. Two membership cards are to be concealed in the city, one in the northern part, and one in the southern part. The finders will be rewarded with a year's membership in the association.

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ACTION OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE ENDORSED

Chamber of Commerce Wants Better Service on Seaboard.

Mr. J. Allan Taylor Declares That the Traffic Committee Has Ever Worked For the Interest of Retail Dealers.

The work of the traffic committee of the Chamber of Commerce in its efforts to secure better train service over the Seaboard Air Line between Wilmington and Charlotte was unanimously endorsed at the regular monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Mr. J. Allan Taylor, chairman of the traffic committee, made a thorough explanation of what his committee has done and the purposes it has in mind and declared that the interests of the retail merchants had ever been held in mind. He agreed that a passenger train coming into Wilmington earlier in the morning and leaving in the afternoon over the Seaboard would better serve the interests of this city, but pointed out that as matters now stand it is not a question of ideal conditions but of what is practicable.

No Protests Made

Mr. Roger Moore, president of the Rotary Club, explained that this organization primarily desired a morning train coming into Wilmington and leaving in the afternoon, that no protest had been made against the steps taken by the traffic committee as it was desired to learn just what it had in mind before taking further action.

Mr. A. M. Hall, president of the Retail Merchants' Association, explained that no protest against the proposed service had been made by this organization nor was it intended to antagonize the Chamber of Commerce. While a petition, signed by the officers of the association and the members, had been forwarded to Charlotte, this was done because it was desired, if it were possible, to have the morning train.

"We appreciate the splendid work which Mr. Taylor and the traffic committe have done," he declared, "and we want co-operation among all the organizations in the interest of Wilmington."

"I want to say at the outset that we are very thankful to the traffic committee for what it has done for the retail merchants of Wilmington," said Mr. J. C. Williams, who explained that one of the primary reasons why he had opposed putting on the proposed train service was because it not only would not help the retail merchants of Wilmington but would act as a barrier to any service in the future which would do so. He was glad to know that the outlook for the future was more promising than he had thought and he urged co-operation to this end.

Mr. L. Lipinsky was another who earnestly advocated better train service. Upon motion of Mr. A. J. Moore the chamber formally adopted resolutions unanimously approving of the course pursued by the traffic committee in the negotiations that have been in progress looking to the conference to be held in Charlotte today.

Mr. W. B. Cooper spoke in the interest of a through passenger train leaving Wilmington over the Atlantic Coast Line for the North about 8:30 P. M. and returning in the morning about 8:30. He did not know that anything could be done but he thought it ought to be kept in mind. "I am real sorry," he declared, "that we lay down and slept and let our friends at Mount Olive get 90 and 91 restored." He was satisfied that with any reasonable effort on the part of Wilmington that it would never have been done. He suggested that a solution would be to let the Norfolk train run down as far as Warsaw instead of coming to Wilmington as it is of little service this side of that place.

Reviews Past History.

Mr. J. Allan Taylor before beginning a review of the negotiations conducted by the traffic committee for the last several years explained that sufficient funds are now in hand to go ahead and employ a traffic expert and he was glad to say that the committee has a competent man in sight, whom it is hoped to employ.

It was with very much pleasure that he was able to report that the Atlantic Coast Line had agreed to restore the morning train from Conway about the first of the year and also to state that sleepers would be operated on trains 90 and 91 during the sessions of the Legislature. While the total revenues of the Atlantic Coast Line have increased during the past few months, the local passenger revenues are still below normal, Mr. Taylor stated, and he did not think that it was yet time to expect the A. C. L. to restore the double daily service to New Bern and Fayetteville. He was confident that the road would keep faith in this matter.

He gave the schedules for passenger trains entering and leaving Wilmington over the Seaboard at the present time and said if they were operated on time, shoppers would be given three hours in which to do their trading, but he regretted to say that the trains are usually late. By putting on the additional trains it has been hoped to make it possible for the present trains to be operated on time.

He spoke of the difficulty in getting the early morning train into Wilmington in 1913 and pointed out that it was taken off because it did not prove to be a paying proposition. While Mr. Capps would not consider putting it back on, the conference in Charlotte had been called for the purpose of seeing what could be done.

While he had noted that there seemed to be a disposition on the part of some to think that the traffic committee was not in sympathy with the reail merchants, Mr. Taylor declared that their interest had been uppermost at all times. It was the prime reason for asking for the restoration of the Conway train.

City Plan Suggested.

That Wilmington should undertake to have a city plan made, such as Charlotte is now preparing to have made, was suggested by Mr. John J. Blair, chairman of the civic committee, who submitted a report of what this committee has accomplished in the way of having improvements made at the Robert Strange playground and the park at Greenfield Lake.

The report of the advertising committee expressed grateful appreciation to the contributors to the fund for the prices for the window trimming contest, to the judges and to all others who helped to make it a success.

Mr. Munroe Nichols, editor of Southland, published at Richmond, Va., who is spending a few days in the city in the interest of his periodical, was introduced by President M. W. Jacobi, and spoke briefly of his great pleasure in being here. He was glad to say that Wilmington is a real city but modestly refrained from making a speech, declaring that he is simply a "pencil pusher."

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New Shipment Kid Gloves

Real French made Kid Gloves are unusually scarce this season, and with no German Gloves on the market at all, necessarily makes it very difficult to get just the kind of gloves you want. However, this last shipment of ours, although quite small in quantity, is real French Kid Gloves, and have just arrived in this country. They're plain black and plain white only. Priced ..... $1.50 and $1.75

Furs For Christmas

One complete stock of Narobia Furs, in black, browns, Red Fox, Gray Fox. Offers exceptional Fur values for Christmas giving. Every Set guaranteed to give satisfaction. Priced from ..... $5.95 to $69.00

BELK-WILLIAMS COMP'Y

SOCIAL

Mrs. J. A. Pickett, of Councils, was a guest of the Wilmington yesterday.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Gilbert, of Atkinson, were in the city yesterday. They were registered at the Wilmington.

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The Epworth League of Grace Methodist church will meet at 8 o'clock tonight in the lecture room of the church.

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Mrs. Harry L. Kidd has just returned from Hampstead after a very pleasant visit to her friend, Mrs. James O. Singleton.

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Yesterday's Clarkton Journal: "Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Currie and children spent yesterday in Wilmington. Mr. and Mrs. Elihu Meares and L. A. Smith went to Wilmington yesterday."

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The Sunday school and congregation of St. Matthew's Lutheran church yesterday sent a good sized box of Christmas offerings to the Lutheran Orphanage at Salem, Va.

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The Missionary Society of St. Matthew's Lutheran church are selling attractive cards and booklets, and have a nice display at the store of Mr. W. M. Otersen at Fourth and Campbell streets.

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Clinton Democrat: "Rev. W. R. Noe, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Wilmington, will preach in Clinton on Sunday, December 24th. This will be a special Christmas service. The public is invited.

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The Luther League of St. Paul's Lutheran church will entertain the Luther League of St. Matthew's Lutheran church at 8 o'clock Friday evening, with a social for all members and friends of either league.

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Wilmington Review No. 6 of the Woman's Benefit Association of the Maccabees will meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock with Mrs. Fannie P. Brittain, No. 504 South Third street. All members requested to be present.

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Yesterday's Greensboro News: "Mrs. G. A. Ramseur spent a few hours here yesterday afternoon as the guest of her cousin, Mrs. H. M. Blair, on her return to China Grove from Wilmington, where she attended the wedding of her son, Michael Ramseur."

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Yesterday's Charlotte Observer: "Mr. and Mrs. Jas. B. Huntington and children and Miss Rose Grant, of Wilmington, have arrived in the city to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Sinclair, at their home on North Church street. Mrs. Huntington and Miss Grant are sisters of Mrs. Sinclair."

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Whiteville News Reporter: "Mr. L. W. Stanley, Clerk Superior Court, remains in bad health but is slightly better than he was a few weeks dgo. Miss Marie Farley, a trained nurse from Wilmington, is still with him. The duties in the clerk's office are being looked after by Mr. J. L. Memory."

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Mount Olive Tribune: "Dr. J. W. Purcell, pastor of the Presbyterian churches here, Calypso and Faison, conducted evangelistic services at the Calypso church last week. Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Wilmington, assisted Dr. Purcell, doing most of the preaching. According to reports, Dr. McClure preached some very inspiring sermons, which were listened to by good-sized audiences."

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LADIES SELECTING PARTNERS FOR MIXED FOURSOME MATCH

Plans are being perfected for the Leap Year mixed foursome handicap golf match to be held tomorrow afternoon beginning at 2:15 o'clock, under the auspices of the Cape Fear Country Club. All ladies who intend to take part in the match, and who have not already done so, are requested to telephone to the captain of the greens at once, so that their handicaps may be arranged. Quite a number have already selected their partners.

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Invitations reading as follows have been received by friends in the city:

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Borkenhagen request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Agnes to Mr. C. George Ambrosiano on Wednesday afternoon, December twenty-seventh nineteen hundred and sixteen at five-thirty o'clock Winter Park Presbyterian Church Wilmington, North Carolina. At Home Reception from 5 to 10 P. M. December 26th.

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ENGAGEMENT OF MISS WISE TO MR. LEWIS IS ANNOUNCED

Mrs. J. K. Wise, of Wilmington, announced yesterday the engagement of her daughter, Miss Louise Wise, to Mr. Lawrence Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thornton Lewis, of Cincinnati, Ohio. The wedding will take place next May.

The father of the groom-elect is well known to many Wilmingtonians, as he has made a number of visits here on business. He is a director of the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad and a prominent business man. Mr. Lawrence Lewis is a young business man and is engaged in the coal mining business.

Miss Wise makes her home in this city with her mother. Mrs. Robert Worth Bingham, formerly Mrs. H. M. Flagler, recently announced in New York that Miss Wise was to be the recipient of most of her fortune of $60,000,000.

To Ward Off Winter Complexion Ills

To keep the face smooth, white and beautiful all winter, there's nothing quite so good as ordinary mercolized wax. Rough, chapped or discolored skin, inevitable in this weather, is gently absorbed by the wax and replaced by the newer, fresher skin beneath. The face exhibits no trace of the wax, the latter being applied at bedtime and washed off mornings. Creams, powders and rouges, on the other hand, are apt to appear conspicuous at this season, because of alternating expansion and contraction of the skin, due to changing temperatures. You are advised to try this simple treatment. Get an ounce of mercolized wax at any drug store and use like cold cream. This will help any skin at one, and in a week or so the complexion will look remarkably youthful and healthy.

Winds and flying dust often cause squinting and other contortions which make wrinkles. You can quickly get rid of every wrinkle, however produced, by using a harmless face bath made by dissolving one ounce powdered saxolite in one half pint witch hazel.

BREAD DEALERS PAID COSTS

Nolo Contenderes Entered in Recorder's Court Yesterday Morning—Colored Boys in Juvenile Court.

Nolo contenderes were entered at yesterday morning's session of the Recorder's court in the cases of Messrs. George T. Johnson, Cuthbert Martin, B. May, Ben Kaminski, J. B. Fox and W. T. Farris, charged with violating the city ordinance in regard to the labeling of bread offered for sale within the city. Judgment was suspended in each case on the payment of the costs.

These cases originated during the latter part of November when warrants were sworn out for the defendants, on the grounds that they were either manufacturing and offering for sale, or offering for sale, bread that was short in weight from the standard sized loaf required under the city ordinances, without labelling them so as to indicate the weight.

Messrs. Johnson, Farris and Fox were alleged to manufacture the bread at their respective bakeries, while Messrs. Martin, Kaminski and May were charged with selling bread that was made in other cities and which was short of the standard weight. According to the officers at the time the warrants were issued, it was pointed out that the loaves which were used as evidence, weighed as follows, the standard loaf being required to weigh 16 ounces. Farris, 10 3-4 ounces; Fox, 11 ounces; Johnson, 11 1-4 ounces; Martin, 11 1-4 ounces; Kaminski, 10 3-4 ounces; May, 12 ounces; all being sold at a uniform price for 16 ounces.

The trial came up in Recorder's court on December 4, and was postponed until yesterday upon request of the defendants that they be allowed to prepare for the enforcement of the ordinance, without leaving themselves liable to a second prosecution.

Recorder Harriss granted this and ruled that hereafter each loaf of bread sold in the city should be properly labeled showing its exact weight, and that any loaf weighing less than 16 ounces should not be offered for sale as a loaf but as a half loaf. This was agreed to by the defendants, and the nolo contenderes were entered.

Campbell Saunders and Ernest Jackson, two small colored boys, were arraigned in the juvenile sesison of the court yesterday on a charge of stealing a bicycle from a Mr. Galloway. Ernest is the same youngster who was paroled in the custody of his mother on Tuesday for stealing another bicycle from Nick Elmore. However, as the offense for which he was tried yesterday was committed previous to the other, Recorder Harriss extended his parole in care of his mothers.

Saunders, however, was sent to the county farm under the care of Mr. F. J. Dempsey for a period of six months. It was brought out in court that he was an incorrigible, that his father lived out of the city and that his mother worked away from home and could not give him the proper care, if paroled in her custody. Under these conditions Recorder Harriss ruled that it would be better to send him to the farm.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. P. D. Woodall, of Edenton, was in the city yesterday at guest at the Orton.

—Among the North Carolina arrivals at the Wilmington yesterday were: L. H. Putnam, Greensboro; F. M. Dillon, Raleigh; B. H. Stancil, Allenton; S. E. Lindsay, Durham.

—Among the North Carolina arrivals at the Orton yesterday were: L. C. Steele, Charlotte; D. S. Culbreth, Goldsboro; E. J. Hill, Warsaw; R. L. Boney, Wallace; Fred James, New Bern.

—Mr. E. C. Marshburne, of this city, who has been spending the past three months in Asheville for his health, returned to his home at No. 609 Queen street yesterday. He will be at home until after the Christmas holidays.

GOVERNORS ENDORSE THE MARYLAND BUDGET SYSTEM

Ninth Annual Governors' Conference in Session at Washington.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The executive budget system of Maryland, the only state with such a scheme of financial control, was given general approval today in a discussion at the ninth annual Governors' Conference. Its provisions were outlined by Governor Harrington, of Maryland, and by Dr. Frank J. Goodnow, president of Johns Hopkins University, who was chairman of a committee that drafted the plan.

The Maryland budget plan as described by Governor Harrington, seeks to make impossible any expenditure of more money in appropriations than is recieved by the commonwealth from all sources. It centers authority in the governor.

Those attending the conference were dinner guests tonight at the White House. Among those invited were Governors Manning, South Carolina; Stuart, Virginia; Craig, North Carolina; Henderson, Alabama, and Tramell, Florida; and former Governors Ansel, South Carolina, and Kitchin, North Carolina.

BOYCOTT ON BUTTER.

Will be Put on in New York and Last at Least Three Days.

New York, Dec. 14.—A boycott against butter will be started in this city next Wednesday, continuing for three weeks or longer, it was announced tonight by Joseph Hartigan, commissioner of weights and measures, and secretar yof the mayor's committee on secretary of the mayor's committee on

Housewives will be asked to economize in the use of the product, it was stated, instead of being urged not to buy it at all.

TUG CROSSES ATLANTIC.

The Britannia Reached Cardiff, Wales, on December 12.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 14.—The tug Britannia arrived safely at Cardiff, Wales, on December 12, according to a cablegram received here today by her agents. The Britannia left November 14. She was forced to put into the Azores for repairs, rough weather partly disabling her. She is one of the few tugs ever to cross the ocean, her agents say.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 14.—The United States transport Kilpatrick was today given orders by the Navy Department to proceed to the assistance of the U. S. Sumner, ashore off Barnegat. The Kilpatrick will aid in the work of floating the Sumner.

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BUYS M'ILHENNY PROPERTY

Howard & Wells Amusement Company Purchases Valuable Property and Will Build Addition to Victoria.

A real estate deal involving probably more than $10,000, although the actual figures were not given out, was completed yesterday at noon, when deeds from the McIlhenny heirs to Mr. J. H. Rehder, a large stockholder in the Howard & Wells Amusement Company, and from Mr. Rehder, in turn, to the amusement company, were filed in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the valuable property at Second and Market streets adjoining the Victoria theatre. The deal was made through the real estate office of Mr. James Owen Reilly.

As stated in The Star some time ago, when the consummation of the deal was forecasted, the amusement company through Mr. Rehder has had an option on the building for a considerable length of time. The lot is 25x165 feet in size, is just east of the Victoria theatre and runs from Market street to the alley, half way between that street and Princess street.

Mr. P. W. Wells, president of the Howard & Wells Amusement Company, states that the property has been acquired with a view to enlarging the Victoria theatre and making it a modern and up-to-date playhouse. At present the only addition contemplated is a dressing room which will be built on the Second street side of the property. Later on, it is stated, the entire property will be built up, affording a structure 70x165 feet in size, and thereby enlarging the Victoria by that much in addition to its present size. At present the Victoria will seat 1,000 persons, or about the same number as the Academy of Music, on which the amusement company has a lease which runs about two years longer. When the entire addition is completed, it will give the Victoria a seating capacity of about 2,000 ample to accommodate the biggest attractions which are presented here.

MRS. G. T. JONES DEAD.

Passed Away Wednesday at Residence of Son in Newark, N. J.

News of the death of Mrs. George T. Jones, of Rocky Point, which occurred Wednesday at Newark, N. J., at the residence of her son, Mr. J. C. Jones, was received here yesterday morning in a telegram to relatives.

Mrs. Jones was in the 69th year of her age at the time of her death. She was born and spent her early life in Washington, N. C., but later removed to Rocky Point, where she has lived for several years past. She was a member of the Methodist church of that place.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. G. D. Phares, Sr., of Jacksonville, Fla.; Mrs. J. W. Morris, of New Bern, and Mrs. C. M Bishop, or Georgetown, Texas Two sons also survive her, Mr. J. C. Jones, of Newark, N. J., and Mr. E. R. Jones, of Castle Haynes. Other surviving relatives include a grandson, Mr. G. D. Phares, of Wilmington.

The remains will be brought by train to Rocky Point tonight, and the funeral will be held at that place Saturday morning. Rev. Mr. Vickers, of Southport, will conduct the services.

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COLD WAVE HITS WILMINGTON

Mercury Here Registered Five Degrees Below Freezing, or 12 Below Normal, Yesterday Morning.

With the mercury at 7 o'clock yesterday morning standing at 27, or five degrees below freezing, the lowest temperature of the season was experienced by Wilmingtonians. The mean temperature for the day, according to Assistant Weather Observer Johnstone, was 35 degrees—or 12 degrees below normal.

The cold wave, which originated in the north central states, was rather widespread in the area which it covered. Below zero weather was experienced very general over upper Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and the Dakotas. The coldest recorded was at Williston, N. D., where the mercury registered 20 degrees below zero during the day. At Asheville, in Western Carolina, the lowest temperature registered was 14 degrees above zero, accompanied by snow.

At the Wilmington weather bureau station the highest recorded for the day was 43 degrees. The mean temperature here for the day was 35 degrees, whereas the normal mean temperature is ordinarily 47 degrees.

It was stated last night at the local office of the Weather Bureau that it is expected that the temperature will begin to rise very gradually today and a little rain and perhaps a few flakes of snow are looked for.

It was also stated that a storm wave which was central over Texas yesterday is moving this way, and when it meets and intermingles with the cold wave from the North it is likely to offset it to a considerable extent, likely giving rain or a flurry of snow with slightly higher temperatures.

—Burning grass on a vacant lot at Sixth and Church streets caused a fire alarm to be turned in at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The firemen finished the burning, so as to prevent any further alarms.

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OVER 60 CARLOADS OF HOLLY FROM BRUNSWICK

Yesterday Marked Close of the Big Shipping Season.

Has Been of High Quality and Brought Satisfactory and Profitable Prices. Movie Company Takes Films.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Southport, N. C., Dec. 14.—Today marks what may be called the end of the holly shipping season in Brunswick county. This does not mean that no more holly will go forward, for there are still along the line of the W. B. & S. railroad crates of holly at stations, but the "big business" is now over, for the approach of the holidays leaves an uncertain margin of time for the delivery of this tree and its branches, in Northern markets so that buyers will not risk shipping.

To date between sixty and seventy carloads of holly in crates have gone from this county, and it is estimated there will be something over seventy carloads, when the final count is made. Over ten thousand crates of this beautiful Brunswick county holly will, during the Christmas holidays, serve to decorate in hundreds of cities in Western and Northern states. The early shipments went to points beyond the Mississippi river.

Those in the trade say that the Brunswick county holly this year has been the finest of any shipped from Eastern North Carolina. Its fruitage has been plentiful and brilliant, and its leaves equally as attractive. These qualities have made the demand more keen, and those who have gathered and crated the holly found no trouble in getting it taken at once and at a price that has paid well for the labor.

A film company paid a special visit to the station at Bolivia, in this county, the chief shipping point, during the busy period, and those who are frequenters of the "movies" may expect to see an active scene of how holly is gathered, crated and shipped to Northern markets from Brunswick county, N. C.

ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR TWO INTERCOLLEGIATE DEBATES.

Contests Between Wake Forest and Randolph-Macon and Baylor.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wake Forest, N. C., Dec. 14.—The debate council of Wake Forest College has announced the queries and the respective sides for the two inter-collegiate debates which have been arranged for next year with Randolph-Macon College, of Ashland, Va., and Baylor University, of Waco, Texas.

The debate with Randolph-Macon will be held in Raleigh Easter Monday night at the Academy of Music. Wake Forest will defend the negative side of the question, "Resolved: That our Federal Constitution should be so amended as to prohibitt he manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors," while the Virginians will uphold the affirmative side of the question.

Baylor University will be debated in Waco, Texas, on April 2, 1917. The query selected is, "Resolved, That the United States government should own and control all railroads in the United States, constitutionality waived." Baylor has chosen to speak on the negative side of the question, and Wake Forest will uphold the affirmative.

FUNERAL AT MOUNT OLIVE.

Remains of Former Mayor Smith Laid at Rest at Home.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Mount Olive, N. C., Dec. 14.—The remains of former Mayor Colin Shaw Smith, whose death occurred in the Rocky Mount Sanitorium Tuesday morning at 6:10 o'clock, were brought here Tuesday afternoon, where, at 12 o'clock Wednesday, they were interred in Maple Grove cemetery.

The funeral services were held at the home Wednesday at 11 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Dr. J. W. Purcell, pastor of the Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. Peter McIntyre, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Goldsboro, and Rev. R. H. Herring, pastor of the Baptist church here, and were attended by a large concourse of sympathizing friends and relatives, quite a number of whom were from other nearby towns—Goldsboro, Clinton, Fuquson, etc.—The presense of whom, together with the floral tributes, which were numerous and beautiful, were convincing proof of the high esteem in which deceased was held.

STEAMER LINE TO NEW BERN

Will be Established Between Baltimore and Carolina Points.

Baltimore, Dec. 14.—Announcement was made here today of the establishment, next spring, of a steamer line between Baltimore and points in North Carolina. The route will be by the way of Norfolk and the Dismal Swamp canal with New Bern, N. C., as the terminus.

LIKE ELECTRIC BUTTON ON TOES

Tells Why a Corn is So Painful and Says Cutting Makes Them Grow.

Press an electric button and you form a contact with a live wire which rings the bell. When your shoes press against your corn it pushes its sharp roots down upon a sensitive nerve and you get a shock of pain.

Instead of trimming your corns, which merely makes them grow, just step into any drug store and ask for a quarter of an ounce of freezone. This will cost very little, but is sufficient to remove every hard or soft corn or callous from one's feet. A few drops applied directly upon a tender, aching corn stops the soreness instantly, and soon the corn shrivels up so it lifts right out, root and all, without pain. This drug is harmless and never inflames or even irritates the surrounding tissue or skin.

SCENE ON THE WESTERN BATTLE FRONT.

Showing the enormous expenditure of ammunition which was used in the Allies great offensive on the Somme.

CARTRIDGES EJECTED FROM BREECHES OF 75 MM GUNS. THE GUNS SHOOT COUNTLESS SHELLS BEFORE A BIG ATTACK

JUDGESHIP DECLINED BY COLLECTOR BAILEY

Says Private Business Will Not Permit Absence from Home.

Others Mentioned for Appointment, and the Gates Are Open—More Than 1,000 Teachers Attended Recent Assembly.

(Special Star Telegram).

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 14.—Expressing deep appreciation for the "generous spirit of cordial friendship" manifested in the tender of the appointment, J. W. Bailey, collector of internal revenue, this afternoon declined to accept appointment at the hands of Governor Craig to the judgeship of Superior court for the Seventh judicial district.

He wrote the Governor that he realized the splendid opportunities for service that the judgeship would afford but that his private business was such at this time as not to admit of continued absence from Raleigh such as service on the Superior court bench would require.

Governor Craig said tonight that he has no idea what turn the task of filling the place of Judge Cooke on the bench will take, and that he has fixed on no one else for the appointment as yet. Friends of H. E. Norris, solicitor of the district, will doubtless urge him. R. N. Simms and possibly others will also be urged for the place; then Franklin county may have a candidate. The bars are down and the race is open.

More Than 1,000 Teachers Attended

The rounding out of the records of the recent session of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly here shows that the registered attendance went to 1,023, which is 53 more than were registered for the 1915 session here, which was the biggest registration up to that time. The attendance in Charlotte three years ago was 960.

The executive committee of the Assembly is to be called very soon by President A. T. Allen, of Salisbury, to meet here early in January to take action as to the time and place for the 1917 session. Indications are that the contest as to place will be between Charlotte and Raleigh. There are those who believe that Raleigh has proven that this as a fixed place of meeting assures steady growth in the numerical strength at least, of the assembly. Others insist that the assembly ought to swing from the western to the central and eastern sections in order to give the teachers less able to pay long transportation costs opportunity to attend close by home now and again.

Two New Corporations.

Charters were issued today for two new corporations as follows:

The Seacrest Motor Co., of Monroe, capital $50,000 authorized and $3,000 subscribed by A. M. Seacrest and others for a general motor sales and garage business.

The People's Bank, of Washington county, capital $25,000 authorized and $10,000 subscribed by H. G. Walker and others for a general banking business.

COAST LINE LOSES $50,000 ACCIDENT SUIT FROM COLUMBIA

Wins Another From Florence in Federal Court of Appeals.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Richmond, Va., Dec. 14.—Federal Judge Smith, of the Eastern district of South Carolina, was reversed in two cases today by the Federal Appeal court in opinions written by Judge Woods.

In one case, in which Judge Smith directed a verdict for the Atlantic Coast Line Railway in a $50,000 suit from Columbia, brought by J. C. Long and wife, of Walthourville, Ga., it was held that the case should have been submitted to a jury.

In the other, in which Robert A. Woods, 17 years old, was awarded $2,000 in a $15,000 action for damages sustained in an accident in the shops at Florence, the case was remanded for another trial because of the rejection of certain testimony by the trial court without letting the jury pass on it.

In the Columbia case, Long and wife asked damages as a result of a serious accident which befell Mrs. Long when she stumbled over a suit case in the aisle of a coach between Walthourville and Savannah.

Christmas Slippers at Peterson & Ruffs, for the whole family. d15,17,19,21

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SALARY SYSTEM IS WANTED

Duplin Will Ask for Legislation—Heavy Motor Trucks Barred From County Roads.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Warsaw, N. C., Dec. 14.—The Democratic executive committee of Duplin county met with the county officers and other prominent Democrats at Kenansville, on last Monday, at which time it was decided to place all county officers on a salary basis, in pursuance of the plank in the Democratic county platform which favored this system, and is a move to carry out the party pledge.

Representative George R. Ward was authorized to introduce a bill providing for this act, in the next Legislature. A resolution, providing for the creation of the office or county auditor was also adopted. It is thought that the county will be saved several thousand dollars per year when this legislation is put into effect.

The county commissioners have passed an ordinance making it unlawful for any "four wheeled loaded truck or vehicle with solid rubber or metal tires of 12 inches or less in width, or 40 horse power engine or more (said truck weighing as much as 3,500 pounds, when empty), to be operated by means of gasoline, kerosene oil, or other like fuel, on the county roads." The object of this ordinance is to protect the county roads, which are being torn up and injured by heavy loaded trucks being operated upon them.

The Duplin Record, the local newspaper, will come out this week in a new dress in the form of a 26-page Christmas edition. The cover is a lithograph in colors, showing Santa Claus with pack and reindeer, and is very attractive in appearance. The regular weekly edition, which is no "weakly" makes up the middle eight pages, and the remaining 12 are advertisements secured from this and surrounding towns, and decorated with illustrations suggesting the Yule-tide.

GAIN IN COTTON CONSUMED

Amount Used by Manufacturers in November Was 584,082 Bales as Against 514,743 Last Year.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Cotton manufactured during November amounted to 584,082 running bales, compared with 514,743 a year ago, and for the four months 2,227,375 bales, compared with 1,978,655 a year ago the Census Bureau today announced.

Cotton on hand November 30 in consuming establishments was 2,191,799 bales, compared with 1,613,641 a year ago, and in public storage and at compresses 4,095,928 bales, compared with 4,981,939 a year ago.

Cotton sindles active during November numbered 32,753,937, compared with 31,488,723 a year ago.

Imports were 13,189 equivalent 500-pound bales, compared with 21,168 a year ago and for the four months, 36,434 compared with 79,861 last year.

Exports were 759,550 bales, compared with 524,392 a year ago, and for the four months 2,518,295 compared with 1,863,315 last year.

Linters, not included in foregoing statistics, used during November were 64,991 bales; on hand November 30 in consuming establishments 79,846, and in public storage and at compresses 123,374. Linters included in exports 8,058.

DIES CRANKING AUTOMOBILE.

Rev. J. P. Knox, Chaplain of South Carolina House, Drops Dead.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 14.—The Rev. J. P. Knox, chaplain of the South Carolina house of representatives, dropped dead from heart disease while cranking his automobile here today. He had been pastor of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church here for 17 years.

Again Arrivals

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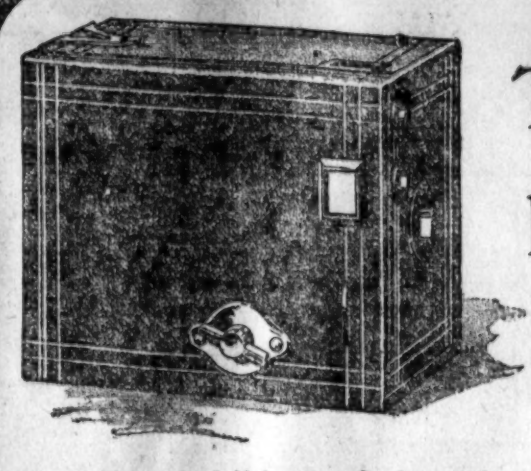

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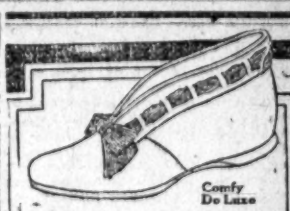

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St. John's Parish Guild

Will hold its Christmas Sale in the Parish House Tuesday afternoon, December 12th, at 3:30 o'clock.

Space donated by Home Savings Bank.

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The Lovely Lines of the WINTER NEGLIGEE

by Hester Winthrop

When a Japanese Kimono is of White Silk Embroidered in White it is Thrice Lovely

A Blend of Middy Blouse and Classic Drapery in this Orchid Negligee

A New Empire Peignoir of Ciel Blue Satin with Cap and Slippers to Match

Cream Lace Over Pink Satin and Blue Ribbons Caught with Tiny Pink Roses

Trouser Negligees Much in Vogue and the Pierrette the Favorite - Corduroy and Fur Robes for Cold Mornings - Wine Colored Negligees the Fashion - White Embroidered Kimonos for the Bride.

THERE is no window more alluring to womankind, in the long array of luxury exhibited behind glass along the shopping streets, than the window devoted to negligee wear. One such window, now to be seen on a great shopping street in New York is in mind, and during every hour of the day and most of the evening—when it is brilliantly lighted—groups of women are to be seen before it, feasting their eyes upon the exquisite wearables within. Three great sections of the plate glass fronted space have been given over to negligees and other intimate boudoir wear, and the boudoir itself is included in the exhibition; a charming room, soft-carpeted with cream enamel panels and Circassian walnut furniture. Twin beds there are, a tall chiffonier, an enchanting dressing table decked out with perfumes and toilet belongings. Even the shaded lamps by the beds and on the dresser have not been forgotten. And everywhere are strewed alluring negligees. They trail across the beds and over the chairbacks; they escape from chiffonier drawers and peep out of a wardrobe. A correct lady's maid with smiling waxen visage and coquettish apron has her arms heaped with silk and lace and chiffon. But the chief interest in this scene of luxury, of course, is the assemblage of gorgeously attired wax ladies; and one says "attired" in view of their elegance, though all are supposed to be en deshabille. It is marvelous, what life-like poses these modern wax demoiselles (for not one of them ever appears to be over eighteen), are induced to take. The one, for instance, sitting negligently on the low seat before the dressing table, with her back turned to the plate glass and her audience—the sweep of her satin peignoir over shoulder, hip and limb is so life-like that it is almost impossible to believe she is made of wax and wood!

And the superb brunette lolling in the chaise longue, with teacup in hand and hundred-dollar lace petticoat spread over her silken ankles and little pink glazed kid boudoir mules—what admiring woman on the other side of the plate glass would not almost change places with her to be in that charmed environment and wearing that Paris sacque of pink chiffon and swansdown. Lovely negligee wear goes straight to the feminine heart—even furs, and diamonds have not the fascination for many women that is possessed by the silks and laces of boudoir apparel.

Bifurcated Negligees The Fashion.

But an early Victorian lady, accustomed as she was to pantalets as a salient attribute of costume, would gaze upon the attire in that window of negligees with a flush of consternation, or the down-drawn lips of disapproval; for at least half of the modish negligees show a bifurcated effect below the waistline. Trousers, if you please, are much the thing in boudoir wear, and first in favor is the saucy Pierrette style, with full bloomers of silk or soft satin, gathered into fur bands at the ankle, and gay little coats or tunics furedged and trimmed with fur buttons. One of these Pierrette affairs, in corncolored soiree silk, has kolinsky anklebands and buttons; a model in pale blue satin is trimmed with beaver fur; but prettiest of all is a pure white crepe de chine Pierrette with ermine trimming.

There are trouser negligees in Oriental style too, some of them adapted from Bakst models in the Russian ballet. A stunning Scheherezade negligee has trousers of flesh pink soiree silk slashed at the outer side and edged with pearl beads. The tunic is of gray net embroidered with silver thread and coral. Another Bakst negligee in Egyptian style is of gold tissue and dragon fly green chiffon over gold chiffon, with embroideries in blue beads and silver thread. Among the bifurcated negligees must be mentioned the pajamas, dainty garments of crepe de chine and satin, some trimmed with fur. These have loose, straight trousers and coats fastening with frogs like the masculine pajama coat, but having a different cut; the feminine pajama coat being shorter at the hip and flaring in ripple effect from shoulder to hip.

Pink And Blue A Favored Combination.

The all pink negligee is not so fashionable just now as the pink one touched here and there with blue—a typical French combination. The pink is of the faintest—the blue also. Anything that Paris abhors is a negligee of well defined color—if one excepts the gorgeous Bakst effects that are in a class by themselves. Two of the lovely French negligees pictured are in the fashionable pale pink and blue combination. The lace gown on the seated figure comes from Jeanne Hallee and long strips of double-bordered cream net lace have been cleverly used without cutting for the two sides of the garment. There is no seam at the shoulder, the strip of lace passing over, with a shirring to mark the shoulder line, while the outer edge of lace falls over the arm in a loose sleeve. Beneath the arm plain net is set between the lace edges to give the garment sufficient width in the skirt. The cream lace is dropped over pale pink satin, with an intermediate slip of pale pink chiffon for added softness of effect; and garlands of pale blue ribbon are caught against the lace with tiny pink silk rosebuds. The Empire peignoir is from Lanvin and is built of palest blue satin meteor, the loose garment dropped from a yoke of flesh pink silk net which veils but scarcely conceals the line of shoulder and arm. The pink touch is added in the garlands of shaded pink roses which attach the negligee to its fragile yoke, and also in cap and slippers which combine pale blue with pink.

Slipover Teagowns Most Comfortable.

The slipover or middy effect has been introduced into the realm of negligees and a charming model in this style is pictured. The slipover, which is of chiffon in orchid pink tone, trails down in cascade drapery over a skirt of orchid pink soiree silk against which is appliqued a bold design in pink and violet embroidery. Gold lace and gold cord add further color to this splendid yet delicately beautiful teagown. The simple, middy collar arrangement is a notable feature. A ready-made negligee this, but one hailing from a very high class shop, as one notes by the distinctive style, the beautiful materials and the workmanship throughout. Too many otherwise lovely boudoir garments are spoiled by monstrous facings of material other than silk on the under side, or by threads other than silk in the seams. Manufacturers have become careless about these substitutes for first class finish since women themselves look so often only at the outside; but a negligee tells its excellence by its daintiness within as well as without—and is usually a garment one expects to wear long time.

Pure White Kimonos For Trousseau Wear.

There is nothing lovelier than a genuine Japanese kimono when its silk and its embroidery are purest white. One of these garments will make even a stout woman of middle age look more delicate and ethereal; to a young woman especially if she be fair, it lends a spirituelle quality that is adorable. Many of these pure white kimonos have been added to winter trousseau and a most beautiful model is pictured, of soft white silk crepe with hand embroidered white azaleas. White glazed kid heelless slippers and white silk stockings, of course, accompany such a negligee.

In direct contrast to these all-white boudoir costumes are splendid velvet robes of ruby red for wear on cold mornings, or for firelight talks on winter nights. The lines are peignoir-like in simplicity and a band of dark fur—skunk, fox or kolinsky runs all around the edge, outlining the neck and trimming the front and hem. Inside the ruby velvet robe is a lining of softest satin or thin silk so that the garment slips off and on easily and has a light, loose feeling when on. Less costly negligees for cold mornings are of corduroy and a very attractive model may be had for five dollars. Some of these corduroy robes have deep capuchin hoods and others, more expensive of course, are trimmed with fur. Dutch blue corduroy with white fur is a pretty combination. A coral pink corduroy peignoir is trimmed with beaver fur and has a lining of flesh pink soiree silk; another model, suitable for breakfast wear, is of pearl gray corduroy with collar and cuffs of embroidered white crepe de chine.

Chaise Longue Petticoats.

Negligee petticoats show themselves conspicuously, worn with floating boudoir gowns of lace or chiffon, or with little sacques to the hip; but the coming of the chaise longue has made the petticoat an important item in the negligee toilette. A chaise longue petticoat must absolutely spread itself in a maze of foamy lace flounces. Dancing petticoats are slimmer, but have coquettish panniers to give width at the hip.

What to Give Him this Christmas

WHAT shall I give him for Christmas?" Everybody knows the story of the devoted wife who each Christmas season presented her appreciated spouse with the same pincushion, the cushion, after a due time devoted to the sentiment of the season, finding its place in one of the convenient upper drawers of the suffering one's chiffonier—for no man ever found any real use for a pincushion, he much prefers to stick his scarfpins into the linen cover of his dresser-top, and to thrust the assortment of pins which decorate shirts fresh from the laundry into the woodwork of the window sash. But annual pincushions—and the equally perennial necktie—out of the question, there remain a multitude of gifts acceptable to masculinity. And each year the number increases. It is really amazing how many delightful presents the shops yield up, at Christmas tide, for the sterner sex. And fortunately man is easy to please—at Christmas at any rate. If he doesn't get what his soul has yearned for, his womenfolk are seldom any the wiser. He usually looks pleased as Punch as he unties tissue paper and red ribbons and reads the affectionate sentiment conveyed on the Santa decorated tag and if he sneaks around to the bookstore afterwards and buys that new book on automobile anatomy he has several times casually mentioned in approving terms, why his money is his own to do with as he pleases, of course!

If he is a smoker the things that may be added to his sanctum are almost endless, and range from velvet smoking coats to brass ash trays. One of the most convenient articles for a den—or even for a living room when mine host is a smoker—is an ash stand, with the receptacle for ashes lifted on a long pedestal to the height of the chair arm. Such a stand is easily lifted about and keeps the carpet tidier than the small ash tray set on the chair arm, and which is sure to be knocked off some time during an evening by an inadvertent movement.

Some new belongings for the smoker are of shining copper with brass trimming and the outfit includes a square box for cigars or cigarettes, a handled tray with matchsafe, lighter and ash receiver, and a "nest" of ash trays with a lighting device—a small alcohol lamp with an extinguisher, the whole resembling an old-fashioned brass candlestick and snuffer.

The man who does not own a monogramed silver cigarette case will appreciate such a gift, and the plainer it is and the smarter the monogram, the better he will like it. Matchboxes with patent attachments that flash on a light when the lid is snapped open, are also appreciated gifts. For the hospitable host there are collapsible cigarette cases which, opened out, display no less than twenty smokes invitingly disclosed and promising to any guest a pleasant evening. A stork cigarette box will please the man who does not own one of these clever contrivances. On top of a square, polished lacquer box stands the stork and when one presses a nickel button, trapdoors in the top of the box open automatically, the stork bends forward gracefully and sticking his bill through the aperture, rises with a cigarette all ready to present. And the stork will repeat his fascinating service as long as one presses the button—and there are cigarettes in the box.

Another amusing smoking accessory is the ash tray that poses as a golfer. These comical affairs are in great demand at Christmas time and never fail to delight the man who has never seen one before or seeing one has desired a duplicate. The funny little fat golfer with stick posed for a drive may be made to assume all sorts of amusing expressions by tilting his head this way and that, the head in question being a simulated golf ball marked with pudgy features and clad in a plaid golf cap—all made of china in bright colors.

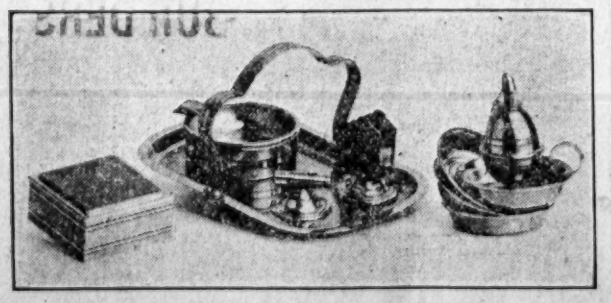
Every man appreciates another cane added to his collection and there is wide choice in walking sticks from about a dollar up, and in good looking umbrellas from about three dollars up.

For the man's table are bronze bookracks and paper weights, and an article of the latter variety is a handsome bit of bronze representing a pointing dog, the base a block of onyx. In the same illustration is a handy box of automobile tools including a small pocket lamp and battery. An inexpensive and acceptable present for a man is a pocket flashlight, and these come in many sizes with lamps of varying brilliancy. The bachelor who lives in one room in a boarding house will appreciate a small solid alcohol stove or grill. If he does not care to concoct rarebits on the grill he will at least appreciate the less expensive stove with a saucepan in which shaving water may be had, piping hot, in five minutes.

The man who goes camping, or cruising during his vacation weeks is always easy to provide for at Christmas. From a handsome barometer or ship's clock for his yacht, down to a leather covered sailboat cushion, one may range in the selection of gifts. If he is the possessor of a boat of his own, fitted up with galley and cooking utensils, a set of drinking glasses in a grooved rack will please him, or a set of lunch napkins embroidered by hand with the private emblem that floats from his masthead.

For the fisherman there are also a variety of potential gifts. A trout fishing set like the one pictured will be rather a costly present, but there are many things, less expensive that the angler will appreciate. It will be well however, to consult his taste, or confer with his own dealer or some masculine friend of his, to be sure of just what he wants.

Skates clamped to skating shoes represent another gift idea, as also a good looking grip, handsomely stitched and reinforced at the corners and fitted with brass locks and clamps, for carrying skating shoes and other paraphernalia out to the country club. In the luggage line, there are also week-end boxes and suitcases and leather hat boxes. Man is as fastidious about his luggage as he is about his footwear and a really handsome piece of hand luggage always pleases him mightily.



Copper Smoking Belongings That Will Delight The Bachelor's Heart.

Hockey Skates And A Week-End Bag To Contain Them—And Other Skating Paraphernalia.

This Complete Angling Outfit Will Make The Fisherman Dream Of Trout Streams In Spring—For His Desk This Bronze And Onyx Paper Weight; For The Handy Man The Set Of Tools.

THE SILK SISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS

AMONG the Christmas gift trifles for the needlewoman is the "Silk Sisters Sewing Set." On a little wooden base stand the four sisters, all carved in wood and hand-painted in most life-like semblance. Each sister has a trim bodice made of a spool of sewing silk and when the silk is gone from the bodice a fresh spool may be added to sister's toilette by the simple device of removing her head, slipping the spool in place and adjusting the head again. The sisters stand always ready to be helpful on the sewing table; for every woman likes to have conveniently at hand silks of various shades to repair her costumes, or baste in collar etc., that have been temporarily removed. It is quite as much of a crime to do this dainty repairing with any substitute for silk thread as it is for a manufacturer to send out a presumably smart garment with other than silk thread in its seams and hems.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

COTTON AT HIGHER LEVEL

Market Nervous and Irregular But Took Optimistic View of Peace. Gain of 30 to 40 Points.

New York, Dec. 14.—Cotton showed continued nervousness and irregularity today but in the main reflected a more optimistic view of peace prospects and advanced sharply in the late trading, with May selling at 18.92, or 39 points above last night's closing figure. The close was irregular net 30 to 40 points higher.

The market opened steady at an advance of 16 to 24 points and sold 27 to 30 points net higher after the call on covering bull support and the well sustained volume of domestic mill consumption as indicated by the Census report. The advance of about 43 points from yesterday's level met increased offerings and prices broke back to within a point or two of yesterday's final figures before the end of the morning.

Around 18.07 for January and 18.34 for March, the market steadied. It looked as though the Wall Street liquidation caused by the break in stocks had been pretty well absorbed and the afternoon advance was assisted by Western and Wall Street buying.

The support became more active and aggressive following reports that the Allies would make known their peace terms and the highest prices of the day were reached in the late trading with January selling at 18.42 and March at 18.70, a net advance of 37 to 44 points on the active deliveries.

Closing prices were a few points off from the best under realizing. The Census report on domestic mill consumption was said to be at the rate of about 7,475,000 bales for the season. Private cables reported that the latest estimates of prominent London authorities placed the American crop at 12,750,000 bales and the world's consumption at 14,750,000. Closed irregular.

	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec.	18.24	18.03	18.30	
Jan.	18.25	18.40	18.05	18.37
March	18.51	18.70	18.32	18.64
May	18.75	18.92	18.54	18.84
July	18.79	18.98	18.58	18.90
Oct.	14.80	16.98	16.62	16.85

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans—Middling, 18.00; receipts, 2,885; exports, 9,968; sales, 616; stock, 461,060.

Galveston—Middling, 18.25; receipts, 8,532; exports, 10,277; sales, 819; stock, 420,526.

Mobile—Middling, 18.00; receipts, 1,020; sales, 63; stock, 14,954.

Savannah—Middling, 19.75; receipts, 3,057; exports, 4,969; stock, 222,252.

Charleston—Middling, 19½; receipts, 721; stock, 76,006.

Wilmington—Receipts, 163; stock, 47,937.

Texas City—Receipts, 6,438.

Norfolk — Middling, 17.75; receipts, 1,769; sales, 646; stock, 114,539.

Baltimore—Stock, 5,415.

Boston — Middling, 18.35; receipts, 192; stock, 8,300.

Philadelphia — Middling, 18.55; receipts, 18; stock, 977.

New York—Middling, 18.30; exports, 2,006; sales, 100; stock, 145,616.

Minor Ports—Stock, 53,890.

Total today—Receipts, 25,395; exports, 27,220; stock, 1,571,472.

Total for week—Receipts, 179,971; exports, 137,492.

Total for season—Receipts, 4,507,383; exports, 2,252,962.

Interior Movement.

Houston — Middling, 18.15; receipts, 3,936; shipments, 6,830; sales, 1,504; stock, 279,262.

Memphis — Middling, 18.50; receipts, 3,181; shipments, 3,358; sales, 400; stock, 296,138.

Augusta — Middling, 18.38; receipts, 981; shipments, 1,229; sales, 446; stock, 148,066.

St. Louis — Receipts, 1,242; shipments, 418; stock, 31,336.

Cincinnati — Receipts, 1,747; shipments, 853; stock, 25,043.

Little Rock—Middling, 19.00; receipts, 690; shipments, 1,791; sales, 1,791; stock, 54,628.

Dallas—Middling, 17.85; sales, 495.

Montgomery—Middling, 17.75.

Total today—Receipts, 13,777; shipments, 14,179; stock, 834,473.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

Market Experiences Two Periods of Strength—Gain of 33 to 37 Points.

New Orleans, Dec. 14.—Two periods of strength developed in cotton today, one around the opening on the bullish showing by the Census Bureau report on November consumption, and the other around the close on rumors that England was willing to make peace. In between prices sagged under realizing of profits by recent buyers.

On the early bulge prices were carried 36 to 37 points over yesterday's last prices. From this, there was a sag until the net advance amounted to only 5 to 8 points. The rise toward the close carried the market to new high levels for the day where trading months were 35 to 39 points up. The close was very steady at a net gain of 33 to 37 points.

The total November consumption by American mills of 649,073 bales of cotton and linters impressed the trade strongly. Probably not over 600,000 bales were expected. The increase in active spindles to 32,753,937, the largest number ever turned in a single month in this country, served to intensify bullish feeling. The disposition to buy was increased by much higher cables than due, but after early trading the market turned dull. Late in the day sudden activity was inspired by peace rumors, which had just the opposite effect of recent similar rumors.

Closing bid: December 17.86; January 17.86; March 18.16; May 18.41; July 18.59; October 16.64.

Spot quiet, unchanged; middling 18.00; sales on the spot 116 bales; to arrive 500 bales.

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET

New York, Dec. 14.—Tenders on December contract and slow trade demand brought about an easier ruling in cotton oil for nearby deliveries, while late months were steadier on short coverings and with cotton.

Final prices were 6 points lower to net higher. Close irregular. Spot 12.10; bid December 12.10@12.35; January 12.19@12.21; February 12.10@12.15; March 12.15@12.16; April 12.16@12.25; May 12.29@12.3; June 12.20@12.40; July 12.35@12.39. Total sales 22,400.

WHEAT GOES STILL LOWER

Market is Weak, Suffering Under Possibility of Allies Giving Consideration to Peace Proposal.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Wheat values today reflected stock market weakness that was associated with reports indicating a willingness by Great Britain and her allies to call for a statement of Germany's proposed terms of peace. The close was heavy, 1-2 to 1 1-2c net lower with May at 1.66 1-4 to 1.66 5-8, and July at 1.42 1-2 to 1.42 5-8. Corn finished 3-8c off to 1-8c up; oats unchanged to 3-8c higher and provisions varying from 22 to 25c decline to a rise of 15c.

Grain and provisions closed:

Wheat—May 1.66 1-4; July 1.42 1-2.

Corn—May 80 7-8; July 91 5-8.

Oats—May 53 3-8; July 50 7-8.

Pork—January 26.55; May 26.82.

Lard—January 15.97; May 16.00.

Ribs—January 13.85; May 14.20.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2 red nominal; No. 3 red 1.62; No. 2 hard, nominal; No. 3 hard 1.67.

Corn—No. 2 yellow 91 to 91 1-2; No. 4 yellow 87 1-2 to 90; No. 4 white 88 3-4 to 90.

MARINE.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.), 3,283 tons, Hollasch, Heide & Co.

Str. Kiel (Ger.), 2,872 tons, Lemke, Heide & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 14.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—52¾c.

ROSIN—$5.70 and $5.45.

TAR—$2.60-10½c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—$4.00, $4.00 and $3.00.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 52¼c.; rosin, $5.20, and $5.10; tar, $2.30-9c.; crude turpentine, $3.75, $3.75, $2.75.

RECEIPTS:

Spirits Turpentine	24
Rosin	(—)
Tar	58
Crude Turpentine	(—)

Receipts same day last year—Spirits turpentine, (—) cask; rosin, 9 barrels; tar, 192 barrels; crude turpentine, 7 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Receipts—160 bales; same day last year, 11¼c.

Receipts—140 bales; same day last year, 212 bales.

Total receipts since August 1 to date, 70,635 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 132,115 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.

Atlantic Coast Line—160 bales cotton; 50 barrels tar.

Str. Hurt—8 barrels tar.

Str. Mary Lee—24 casks spirits turpentine.

Total — 160 bales cotton; 24 casks spirits turpentine; 58 barrels tar.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 14.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, new, 50c to 55c. bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—$1.40 to $1.50 per bu.

CORN—$2.10 per sack.

BEEF—Native dressed, 9c. to 10c.

PORK—Small, 10c. to 12c. per pound.

WOOL—Burry, 20 to 22½; first class wool, 28 to 35; highest grade, washed wool, 38c.

SHEEP—Old, good quality, gross, 3 1-2 to 3c pound. Lambs, best quality, 6 to 7c pound.

HIDES—Green salt, 15c. to 16c.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Od hams, 23 to 25c.; sides and shoulders, 18c. to 19c. per lb.; good demand.

BEESWAX — Firm, 28c. per pound; good demand.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 20c. to 22½c. on foot; dressed, 25c. to 27½c. lb.; chickens, grown, 45c to 50c; spring, 20c to 25c head.

EGGS—35c. to 36c. dozen.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 14.—North Carolina peanuts; new crop, farmers stock, fancy handpicked, $1.07; No. 1, machine, $1.00 per bushel.

Virginia peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, Jumbos, 65c; fancy handpicked, 60c; No. 1 machine picked, 55c.

Spanish peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, $1.25; Jumbos, $1.20 per bushel.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 14.—Spanish—Farmers' stock: Market, weak. New stock, $1.32½ per bu.

Virginias — Farmers' stock: Market steady.

New stock—Fancy Jumbo, 4 1-4c per lb.; Extra Prime, 3 3-4c per lb; Prime, 3 1-2c per lb; Shelling stock, 3c to 3 1-4c per lb.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 14.—Spot cotton weak; good middling 11.05; middling 10.95; low middling 10.79; sales 7,000 bales; 700 for speculation and export; receipts 1,000 bales.

Futures quiet. Closing: December 10.86; December and January 10.86; January and February 10.89; February and March 10.95; March and April 11.03; April and May 11.08; May and June 11.14; June and July 11.13; July and August 11.12; August and September 10.82; September and October 10.39; October and November 10.24; November and December 10.16.

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES.

Savannah, Dec. 14.—Turpentine firm 53 to 53 1-4c; sales 101; receipts 150; shipments 3; stock 23,346.

Rosin—Firm; sales 668; receipts 493; shipments 5,799; stock 91,748. Quote: A B C D E, 6.20; F, 6.35; G H I, 6.30 to 6.35; K, 6.40 to 6.45; M, 6.55; N, 6.90; WG, 7.05; WW, 7.25.

Christmas Slippers at Peterson & Rulfs, for the whole family. d15,17,19,21

STOCKS PLUNGE DOWNWARD

Leading Issues, Except Rails, Fall 5 to 12 Points—Trading Attained Huge Proportions.

New York, Dec. 14.—The stock market experienced another drastic downward movement today, leading issues other than rails falling 5 to 12 points under recent low levels and from 20 to almost 50 points under maximums of last month. Rails showed relatively small losses with a few actual gains.

Trading again attained the huge proportions of Tuesday, mainly as a result of the tremendous outpouring of the final hour, when lowest quotations were made. The setback today was greater and more sweeping in character, embracing a larger number of issues. To what extent short selling figures in the day's dealings is a matter of conjecture, but pressure from that source was insistent. Much of the liquidation was involuntary and was added to by the offerings of individuals well able to storm but whose apprehension had been heightened by the uncertainties arising from the German peace proposals. Total sales amounted to 2,500,000 shares, of which United States Steel and similar industrials, as well as the so-called war group, furnished nearly half.

Among the greatest declines were United States Steel which fell 7 1-8 to 112 3-4, Bethlehem Steel 10 points to 530, Lackawanna and Crucible steels 5 5-8 and 10 3-4, respectively, American Locomotive 7 1-2; Baldwin Locomotive 5 3-4, Gulf States Steel 26, with 35 for the second preferred, Central Leather 10, Industrial Alcohol 12 and Granby Mining 9 5-8.

Metals receded from 5 to 7 points with declines of a similar extent in petroleums, motors, sugars, papers and the entire shipping list Mercantile Marines were especially weak in the final dealings on intimations of furthe delay in the restoration of the preferred shares of a dividend basis.

Bonds, particularly international issues, were again steady, but yielded toward the close. Total sales par value $4,435,000. U. S. bonds unchanged on call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Allis-Chalmers	28¾
American Beet Sugar	97¾
American Can	50¾
American Car and Foundry	68¼
American Cotton Oil	51¾
American Locomotive	80¼
American Smelting	106
American Sugar	110
American Tel. and Tel	125⅞
American Tobacco	215¼
American Zinc	50
Anaconda Copper	85¾
Atchison	102
Atlantic Coast Line	121
Baldwin Locomotive	69¾
Baltimore and Ohio	84
Bethlehem Steel	580
Canadian Pacific	164⅞
Central Leather	96
Chesapeake and Ohio	64¾
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	91⅝
Chicago, R. I. and Pac. Ry	38
Colorado Fuel and Iron	47
Consolidated Gas	132⅝
Corn Products	22⅝
Crucible Steel	66⅜
Cuba Cane Sugar	51¾
Erie	35½
General Electric	172½
General Electric	172½
Great Northern, Pfd	116⅝
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	38⅜
Goodrich	66
Illinois Central	105
Inspiration Copper	59¾
Int. Mer. Marine, pfd	105¾
International Nickel	43
International Paper	47
Kansas City Southern	25½
Kennecott Copper	50½
Lehigh Valley	73½
Louisville and Nashville	121
Liggett and Meyers	256
Lorillard Co	225
Maxwell Motors	62½
Mexican Petroleum	98¼
National Lead	61½
New York Central	105
N. Y., N. H. and Hartford	53
Norfolk and Western	134
Northern Pacific	110½
Pennsylvania	56
Ray Consolidated Copper	28½
Reading	106⅛
Rep. Iron and Steel	79
Seaboard Air Line	16
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	33¼
Sloss Sheff. Steel and Iron	69
Studebaker Corp	113
Southern Pacific	97¼
Southern Railway	31⅝
Southern Railway, pfd	68⅛
Texas Co	195
Union Pacific	144
United Fruit	154⅞
United States Rubber	64¼
United States Steel	113⅝
United States Steel, pfd	120⅞
Utah Copper	114⅝
Virginia Caro. Chem	45
Wabash, Pfd., "B"	30
Western Union	101¾
Westinghouse Electric	54⅝
Mo. P.	33½

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Hogs, weak at 5c above yesterday's average; bulk 9.55 to 10.00; light 9.10 to 9.85; mixed 9.40 to 10.10; heavy 9.55 to 10.15; rough 9.55 to 9.70; pigs 7.15 to 9.00.

Cattle—Weak; native beef cattle 6.90 to 12.50; western steers 6.90 to 10.25; stockers 4.75 to 8.00; cows and heifers 3.75 to 10.10; calves 9.00 to 12.25.

Sheep—Strong; wethers 8.85 to 10.00; ewes 5.75 to 9.50; lambs 11.00 to 13.35.

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET.

New York, Dec. 14.—Mercantile paper 4 to 4 1-4; sterling 60 day bills, 4.71 1-2; commercial 60 day bills on banks 4.71 1-4; commercial 60 day bills 4.71; demand 5.75 1-2; cables 4.76 3-8. Bar silver 75 7-8; Mexican dollars 58 1-2; government bonds irregular; railroad bonds steady. Time loans firm, 60 and 90 days 4 1-2 to 4 3-4; six months 4 to 4 1-2. Call money firm, ruling rate 4.

DYY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 14.—The dry goods markets were quiet during the day. Cottons remained inactive with a shading of prices in gray goods. Men's wear and dress goods buyers were active.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, Dec. 14.—Raw sugar easy; centrifugal 5.39; molasses 4.52; refined dull; fine granulated 7.15.

Coffee—Firm; Rio No. 7, 9 3-8; Santos No. 4, 10 3-8.

Butter and Cheese—Firm.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 15, 1916.

Meteorological data for the day ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 28 degrees; at 8 P. M., 39 degrees; maximum, 43 degrees; minimum, 27 degrees; mean, 35 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00 inch; rainfall for the month to date, .70 inch.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M., yesterday, 3.8 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina: Rain east; rain or snow west portion Friday; Saturday fair, colder.

STORM WARNING.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—Hoist southeast storm warning ten p. m. Charleston to Delaware Breakwater. Disturbance over southwest Alabama moving northeast will cause strong east to southeast winds Friday with rain. Northeast warnings also displays Jacksonville to Savannah.

FRANKENFIELD.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 15, 1916.

Sun rises	7:10 A. M.
Sun sets	5:04 P. M.
Day's length	9 hrs. 54 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	1:15	1:43	8:29	9:15
Southport	11:23	11:48	5:29	6:06
Masonboro Inl	11:12	11:37	5:09	5:46

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS
December 15, 1916.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Highest today.	Temperature: Lowest Last night.	Precipitation at 8 P. M.
Abilene	clear	34	24	.0
Asheville	snow	34	14	.01
Atlanta	rain	40	24	.0
Augusta	cldy	48	30	.0
Baltimore	clear	30	—	.0
Birmingh.	rain	38	28	.20
Boston	clear	34	22	.0
Charleston	cldy	46	34	.0
Charlotte	cldy	36	22	.0
Chicago	clear	6	6	.0
Galveston	cldy	70	60	.06
Jacksonv.	pt cldy	60	44	.0
Memphis	snow	28	24	.46
Mobile	rain	60	40	1.84
Montgom'y	rain	50	32	.04
New Orl.	rain	68	46	1.40
New York	clear	32	24	.02
Oklahoma	clear	24	18	.30
Palestine	cldy	60	52	.0
Pittsburg	cldy	22	10	.0
Raleigh	—	—	20	—
Savannah	cldy	48	38	.0
Shreveport	rain	38	38	.08
St. Louis	cldy	18	16	.06
Washing'n	clear	32	22	.0

NEW YORK LIVE STOCK.

New York, Dec. 14.—Beeves, steady. Calves—Steady; fair to good veals 14.00 to 14.75.

Sheep and Lambs—Quiet; common to prime sheep 5.50 to 8.50; culls 3.50 to 5.00; common to good lambs 11.50 to 13.50; culls 6.50 to 10.00.

Hogs—Steady; light weights 10.10.

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"The Standard Railroad of the South."
Excursion Fares
FROM WILMINGTON
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

CHRISTMAS EXCURSION FARES

Atlanta	$17.50
Birmingham	$24.20
Charleston	$8.15
Chattanooga	$22.35
Cincinnati	$27.95
Columbia	$8.05
Fayetteville	$3.75
Florence	$4.75
Fort Myers	$33.15
Jacksonville	$19.80
Memphis	$34.85
Miami	$37.50
Nashville	$27.75
New Bern	$3.90
New Orleans	$37.65
Norfolk	$9.95
Raleigh	$5.65
Richmond	$10.15
Rocky Mount	$5.35
St. Augustine	$21.65
St. Louis	$37.10
St. Petersburg	$29.10
Savannah	$12.75
Sumter	$6.35
Tampa	$29.10
Washington	$15.75

And proportionate excursion fares to nearly every point in the southeast. Tickets will be sold Dec. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25, limited returning until January 10, 1917.

$47.65—Havana, Cuba,
Account Christmas and New Year Holiday Excursion. Tickets, including meals and berth on steamship, will be sold Thursday, Dec. 21, limited returning until Jan. 7.

$38.10—New Orleans, La.
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DEPARTURES	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS
No. 90 8:40 A. M. Daily except Sunday.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91 1:15 A. M. Daily except Monday.
No. 51 5:30 A. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia open to receive outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50 12:20 A. M. Daily.
No. 64 5:15 A. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only.	Jacksonville, New Bern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65 6:15 P. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only.
No. 48 8:00 A. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. Parlor cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains having Pullman service.	No. 49 6:05 P. M. Daily.
No. 53 5:45 A. M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52 5:00 P. M. Daily.
No. 62 3:05 P. M. Daily.	Jacksonville, New Bern and intermediate stations.	No. 63 12:30 P. M. Daily.
No. 58 3:45 P. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. Sleeping cars daily between Florence and Columbia, which may be occupied at Columbia until 7:00 A. M.	No. 54 12:50 P. M. Daily.
No. 59 6:30 P. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.	Fayetteville and intermediate stations.	No. 60 10:15 A. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.
No. 42 6:45 P. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York Trains, carrying dining cars; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41 9:50 A. M. Daily.

For folders, reservations, rates of fares, etc., call 'phone 160.

W. J. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager.
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WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

IN EFFECT DECEMBER 4 1916.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

WEEK DAYS

EASTBOUND: Leave "Electric Centre" for Winter Park	Leave "Electric Centre" for Wrightsville	Leave "Electric Centre" for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	.....	6:15 A.M.	6:26 A.M.
6:50 A.M.	6:50 A.M.	.....	.....	7:20 A.M.	7:31 A.M.
8:00 A.M.	8:00 A.M.	.....	7:40 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	8:01 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	.....	.....	8:30 A.M.	8:41 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:25 A.M.	9:36 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
1:10 P.M.	1:10 P.M.	11:30 A.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
1:55 P.M.	1:55 P.M.	*1:10 P.M.	1:45 P.M.	1:50 P.M.	2:01 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	.....	.....	2:25 P.M.	2:36 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	.....	.....	3:00 P.M.	3:11 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	.....	3:00 P.M.	.....	.....	3:50 P.M.
4:10 P.M.	.....	.....	3:45 P.M.	3:55 P.M.	4:06 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	.....	.....	4:30 P.M.
5:50 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	5:10 P.M.
5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	5:15 P.M.	5:25 P.M.	5:36 P.M.
6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	.....	6:00 P.M.	6:11 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	*6:40 P.M.	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	17:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	.....	7:55 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	.....	10:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
.....	.....	.....	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:56 P.M.

*Does not go beyond Station No. 3 on Beach. ‡Leaves from Station No. 3.

SUNDAYS

EASTBOUND: Leave "Electric Center" for Winter Park	Leave "Electric Center" for Wrightsville	Leave "Electric Center" for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
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8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	9:05 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:26 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	.....	10:20 A.M.	10:31 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
1:00 P.M.	1:00 P.M.	1:00 P.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
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6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	*6:40 P.M.	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	17:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	.....	7:55 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	.....	10:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
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FREIGHT SCHEDULE (DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.)
Leave Ninth and Orange Streets, 3:30 P. M.
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No. 19—5:00 A. M.—Train for Charlotte and Intermediate Points. SLEEPING CAR BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND CHARLOTTE. Open at 10:00 P. M. for Passengers.
ARRIVAL OF TRAINS AT WILMINGTON:
No. 14—12:30 P. M.—Train from Charlotte and Intermediate Points. PULLMAN PARLOR CAR BETWEEN CHARLOTTE AND WILMINGTON.
No. 20—12:10 A. M.—Train from Charlotte and Intermediate Points. SLEEPING CAR BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND CHARLOTTE. PASSENGERS MAY REMAIN IN SLEEPER UNTIL 7:00 A. M.
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21.

For the Christmas and New Year Holiday excursion to Cuba the Atlantic Coast Line will sell excursion tickets from Wilmington to Havana, including meals and berths on steamships, at the fare and on the date named above, limited returning until January 7, 1917.

Fares will apply via Jacksonville; thence via the East Coast and the "Over Sea Railroad," or via the West Coast of Florida, through Port Tampa, but not going via one route and returning via the other, and tickets will be good to stop over at all stations en route, either on the going or return trip, or both.

PROPORTIONATE FARES FROM NEARL

SUPREME COURT HEARS BRITT-WEAVER CONTEST

No Indication as to How Soon Ruling Will be Made

Argument on Appeal From Judgment of Judge Adams in Buncombe County Consumes Two Hours—Britt Argues For Himself.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 14.—The Supreme court devoted two hours to hearing argument this morning in the noted appeal of Congressman J. J. Britt from the ruling of Judge Adams in dismissing Britt's application for a mandamus against the Buncombe board of elections to prevent their making disputed returns to the State board that would give Z. V. Weaver the certificate to Congress from the Tenth district.

F. W. Thomas opened the argument for Britt and was followed by A. Hall Johnson and Judge J. Crawford Biggs for Weaver. Britt closed the argument in his own behalf.

The argument was orderly and without incident, counsel for Britt contending that unmarked ballots should not have been counted, and that, if Judge Adams took into account all the unmarked ballots reported unsupplementary returns from certain precincts, he should have called for all the unmarked ballots from all the precincts.

Counsel for Weaver not only insisted that the unmarked ballots were legal as sent up from the five precincts returning them but that in reality the returns from these precincts in several instances were only regular returns, the first so-called returns having been merely tally sheets from the count in these precincts.

The court gave no indication as to how soon its ruling on the appeal will be made. The entire time of the court now is being devoted to writing opinions in preparation for the adjournment for the term to take place as early next week as this work can be rounded out.

SUPT. J. J. FURLONG RESIGNS HIS POSITION

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look on. The crowd remained and listened breathlessly for something to happen.

Mr. Furlong was present with his counsel while Council sat in the usual order. The investigation was facilitated by the admission by both sides that Mr. Furlong had received the $21 and that Mr. Burkheimer had been paid $10 for the week ending December 9th.

City Attorney Ruark opened by stating that Mr. Furlong having made the admission that he received the money, the burden of proof shifted on him to show what he had done with it.

Mr. Ricaud came back with a brilliant and learned argument in which he explained that nothing is more fundamental than that a man shall not be forced to prove himself innocent as soon as he is confronted with a charge. He thought that if such procedure was to obtain, that it was time that lawyers go to Mexico. His client had been practically charged with infamous conduct and to ask him to exonerate himself in the absence of evidence was unprecedented.

City Attorney Ruark came back by quoting scripture to the effect that every man is required to give an account of his stewardship and explained that Mr. Furlong was charged with no crime.

"Let him that is without blame, cast the first stone," was the scripture quoted by Mr. McClammy, who replied by calling attention to the fact that Council, according to the city charter, was sitting as a court.

Mr. Jones to Rescue.

Councilman Jones set the arguing lawyers right by calling attention to the fact that he agreed with the counsel for the defense in their contentions as to the burden of proof but he thought there was a misunderstanding as to procedure. He thought that Mr. Ruark's contention was based on the assumption that part of the evidence was already in.

Mr. Ricaud explained that at the former investigation there had been no cross examination of witnesses, and Mr. Furlong had not been given an opportunity to appear on the stand in his own behalf. An open invitation had been extended to all the world to come up and make charges against any employe and Mr. Furlong was present simply as a spectator.

The argument which promised to take up all the session was concluded by the agreement of Council, in fairness to Mr. Furlong, to put on all the testimony again.

Councilman Hall was the first to be sworn as a witness by Chief of Police Williams. He gave a history of the rumors called to his attention by Councilman McCaig and had made diligent effort to locate J. Brown and E. Smith without success and had been informed that no such persons existed. He had not found them but he had secured a list of the names of the men, who had been engaged in August in cleaning out a ditch near the greenhouses of Mr. Will Rehder, near 12th and Wood streets and the names of the missing men were not on it. He told of the conference held and of Mr. Furlong's statement that he thought he could produce the men.

Qualified as Ditcher.

Councilman W. J. Bradshaw was next called to the stand and told of Councilman McCaig's reporting to him the latter part of November about the rumors of irregularities. He had immediately gone to Mr. Furlong who told him that he thought the two men had been engaged in cleaning out the ditch from the incinerator to the creek which passes near Rehder's green houses. He had inspected the ditch and had found that it had been cleaned out for about 200 yards. After he had been qualified, according to legal form as an expert on ditching, by getting him to state that he had ditched many a time when a boy, Mr. Bradshaw said that he considered it would have taken two men three days to do the work. As for himself, if he were in form, he thought he could have done it alone in two days.

He had relied absolutely on Mr. Furlong as to the correctness of payrolls and had never interfered in the matter of employing men, but had left it to Mr. Furlong. An extra force had been put on last summer because of the rain and there were many new faces on the force, he said. It was his understanding from Mr. Burkheimer that he was to look after the work on the Sixth street bridge during the first week he served as a court officer, free of charge.

Sheriff Jackson testified that Mr. Burkheimer had been employed as a special court officer. Messrs. C. C. Ketchum and C. F. W. Rehder stated that the ditch in front of his green houses had been cleaned out in August. County Officer H. Mack Godwin had made an effort to locate the two missing men but without success.

Mr. W. S. Chadwick, an employe of the street department, stated that at the request of Mr. Furlong he had gone down to Mr. Will Sneeden's store to see if a fellow named Smith worked there. Mr. Sneeden had told him, the witness said, that the man Smith had "knocked down" $20 and Mr. Chadwick said that he did not go further for if he had been in town he was sure that Mr. Sneeden would have found him.

Other witnesses examined at the request of Councilman Merritt included Messrs. Charlie Rich, H. Maipass and H. J. Robinson. At the conclusion of their testimony, Mr. Furlong went on the stand in his own behalf.

The investigation was held in regular court form and Mr. Leon L. Motte, court stenographer, took down the evidence.

SAYS PROPOSALS ARE NOT SINCERE

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a terrible responsibility before their peoples before all humanity, if they suspended the struggle against Germany's latest attempt to profit by the present situation to implant her hegemony in Europe."

ALLIES MAY AT LEAST EXAMINE PROPOSAL OF THE CENTRAL POWERS

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bly in some other way later would indicate its interest in having peace reestablished as soon as possible.

The only official words forthcoming at the White House was that President Wilson still was studying the question closely, and had not reached a determination on the steps to take. He is expected to take up the question tomorrow with his cabinet.

German and Austrian Notes.

The German note asked that the United States "be so good" as to send it on to France, Great Britain, Japan, Russia, Serbia and Rumania.

The Austrian note, the United States was asked to transmit to the same nations as the German note, except that Belgium was substituted for Rumania. That Japan was included was noted as proving that Austria considers herself at war with the Island Empire.

The Turkish note was looked for during the night.

The question of a possible armistice grew in interest today, as the general feeling that an armistice was not possible in an economic war was discounted in Allied circles.

Representative Gardner, of Massachusetts, introduced in the House today a concurrent resolution to put Congress on record as opposed to mediation by the United States.

Would Discuss Disarmament.

The German embassy tonight authorized the statement that it was certain, should representatives of the belligerents meet to discusse peace terms, that one of the most important subject for discussion would be that for limited universal disarmament. The German view is said to be that any peace would be worthless which did not make unnecessary armament on a scale approaching that which existed before the war.

It was suggested that actual formation, as has been proposed, of some league of nations to enforce peace necessarily would have the effect of bringing about a limited disarmament. The German chancellor has said Germany would be glad to enter a league to prevent war.

The German view further is indicated as being generally opposed to international coalitions, as they have existed in the past, on the ground that such coalitions are opposed to the maintenance of peace rather than conducive of it.

Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, planned tonight to visit the State Department tomorrow or Saturday to ascertain if possible the view of the United States and at the same time furnish the State Department with any information in his possession it might desire.

ALL BUT SIX MEN ABOARD THE GRILSE REPORTED SAFE

Torpedo Boat Reaches Shelbourne, N. S., Says Telephone Message.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 14.—All the officers of the Grilse and all but six members of the crew are reported to be safe. The missing members of the ship's company perished in the storm.

A telephone message to the Morning Chronicle from Shelburne, N. S., says that the Canadian torpedo boat Grilse is limping into the harbor at that place.

Ottawa, Canada, Dec. 14.—Announcement that the Grilse probably had been lost at sea with her crew of fifty men was yesterday made by Canadian minister of naval service. The torpedo boat is commanded by Lieutenant Walter Wingate and was formerly the yacht Winchester.

NORTH CAROLINA BUILDING AT WASHINGTON DISCUSSED

Committee is Appointed to Investigate the Proposal.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Establishment of a North Carolina building at Washington to exhibit the State's products and as headquarters for visitors was discussed tonight at a meeting of the North Carolina Society of Washington. A committee was appointed to investigate the proposal.

Robert H. McNeill was elected president of the association; Samuel L. Rogers and W. H. Cooper, vice-presidents, and Wade B. Hampton, secretary-treasurer.

GOOD ROADS DISCUSSED

Economic Value Emphasized Before Civic Association.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The economic value of good roads was emphasized today by speakers before the annual convention of the American Civic Association.

Herbert Quick, of the Federal Farm Loan board, explaining the relation between improved highways and farm land values, said an efficient system of country roads was cheaper and more valuable to the farmer than so-called tap line railroad spurs, which could be constructed for $75,000 a mile.

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SWISS MINISTER GIVES NOTE TO ITALY WITHOUT COMMENT

Paris, Dec. 14.—The German peace proposals have been delivered to the Italian government but they contain, according to Foreign Minister Sonnino, no precise indications as to the conditions upon which peace negotiations might be attempted.

A Havas dispatch filed yesterday in Rome said Baron Sonnino made a statement in the chamber of deputies, in which he said the proposals had been handed him by the Swiss minister, who acted as representative in Italy of German interests. The Swiss minister added that it was not his intention to perform any function of mediation, but simply the function of transmission.

"I replied to the Swiss minister," the baron said, "that naturally I would have to act in accord with my colleagues of the other allied governments respecting the reply to this note which has been concertedly prepared among the four enemy powers."

BELIEVE ALLIES WILL NOT GIVE A NEGATIVE ANSWER

Amsterdam, via London, Dec. 14.—The Frankfurter Zeitung says it finds it difficult to believe that the peace proposal of the Central Powers will be answered negatively and proceeds to point out the manner in which both sides can begin negotiations.

"It is impossible," says the newspaper, "that the views of both belligerent parties should be similar as regards what constitutes a suitable basis for al asting peace, but there were times before the war when we appeared to be within an approximate distance of discovering such a basis. Of course, the war has altered much in the views held concerning all these things but the difference cannot be insuperable and Germany and her allies do not consider them insuperable.

"If the Entente governments are really pursuing the aim which they have often announced to the world they must seize the opportunity to reconcile their aim with that of the Central Powers. * * *. Neither of the combatants has collapsed and an adjustment between them can only take place by agreement. We do not demand or command as victors but make a proposal and expect an answer and counter proposals. The precise object of our proposal is to bring the belligerents to a common council table, where the misunderstandings can be cleared up."

SAYS PROPOSALS WILL SERVE ONLY TO INCREASE RECRUITS

Cardiff, Wales, Dec. 14.—Field Marshal Viscount French, speaking here today, said:

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